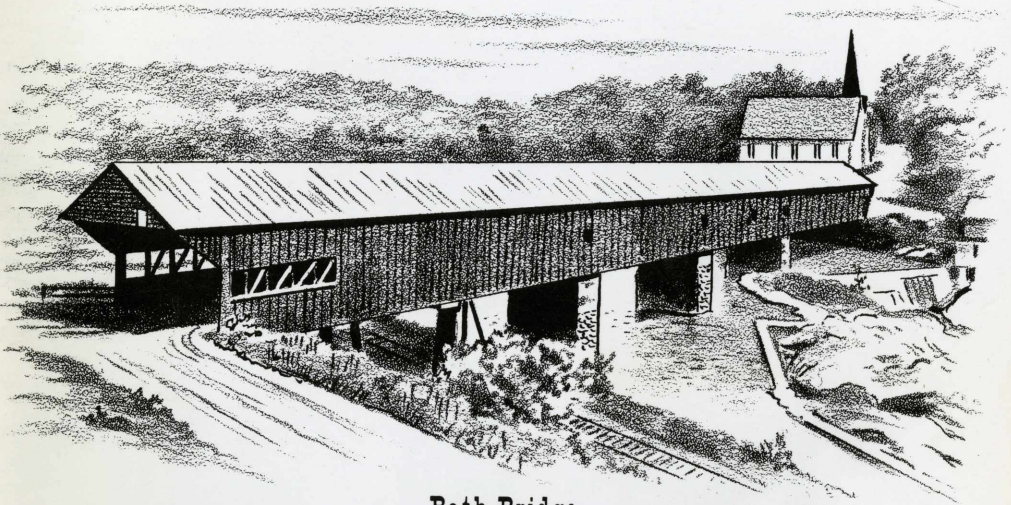


ANNUAL REPORT



Bath Bridge

Town of
BATH
New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 1998



DEDICATION

This year's Town Report is dedicated to

HARRY LACKIE

Harry was born in Barnet, VT, in 1927 and moved to Bath in 1953 to the farm on Route 135, where he and his wife Rita raised eight children and have ten grandchildren.

He served his Town as a member of the Budget Committee since it was first established 19 years ago. He never missed a Town Meeting — "center of the aisle seat!!"

His service to the area includes Past Master of Mt. Mooselauke Grange and member for 55 years; Director and member Grafton County Holstein Club since 1953; Board of Directors and member N.H. Farm Bureau; Member of NEMPA, Yankee Milk; AGRI-MARK; NH/VT Breeding Assoc. and then Eastern Committee Member; DHIA; Grafton Conservation District Cooperator.

Harry served his Country and fought in the Korean War. At the Old Home Day Celebration August 6, 1994, Harry was an Honorary Veteran in the Parade.

Bath certainly appreciates all the dedication Harry gave to us.

Town of Bath, New Hampshire
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

DAVID STIMSON	(Term expires 1999)
DIANNA ASH	(Term expires 2000)
ALAN RUTHERFORD	(Term expires 2001)

Administrative Assistant PAMELA MURPHY

Town Clerk and Tax Collector BEVERLY WOODS LINDA ELLIOTT, Deputy

Treasurer
ALDEN MINOT

Moderator
THOMAS A. RAPPA, JR.

Fire Chief
DONALD LOCKE

Chief of Police
ARTHUR JOY, JR.

Fire Warden
RUSSELL FOURNIER

Animal Control Officer
WILLIAM ENGLERT

Highway Agent
JOHN LEES

Civil Defense
DEBRA FOURNIER

Health and Welfare
WILLIAM ENGLERT

Building Inspector
STANLEY GEORGE

Trustees of the Trust Funds

RAYMOND POOR	(1999)
BENJAMIN HARRINGTON	(2000)
MICHAEL LUSBY	(2001)

Supervisors of the Checklist

LINDA ELLIOTT	(2000)
ANN JOY	(2002)
VELMA IDE	(2004)

Library Trustees

THERESA BELYEA	(1999)	MARY JANE DIAMOND	(2000)
SYLVIA McKEAN	(1999)	NANCY LUSBY	(2001)
DIANE LaFOND	(2000)		

Librarian
DEBORAH ARDOLINO

Planning Board

DIANNE RAPPA, Chairman
SUSAN ROWLEY
GLEN HOUSTON
ALFRED MAGGIO
RICHARD GOLDTHWAIT
TOBY SPERRY

Zoning Board of Adjustment

TOM COPE, Chairman
ALEX SUTHERLAND
RAYMOND POOR
TIM ROY
WILLIAM MINOT

Conservation Commission

HARRY WOODS, Chairman
BRUCE BARNUM
JUDY TUMOSA
WOODY ARGEREOW

Budget Committee

ALBERT LACKIE
DIANE COWLES
HARRY LACKIE
TOM COPE
HARRY LINDEMANN
WILLIAM ASH

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Board Meetings

Date and Time

Selectmen	Monday Nights	7:00 pm
Planning Board	3rd Wednesday of Month	7:00 pm
Zoning Board	3rd Tuesday of Month (as needed)	7:30 pm
Conservation Commission	Last Wednesday of Month	7:00 pm
Library Trustees	First Tuesday of Month	7:00 pm

Please note that if anyone is interested in serving on any of these boards, the Selectmen's Office should be contacted.

BATH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bath Historical Society meets the last Wednesday of every month. All are welcome to attend.

BATH PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

The Bath Public Library is open the following times:

Tuesday	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 12:00 noon
	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 noon

RESULTS OF THE 1998 BATH WARRANT

March 10, 1998

The Annual Meeting of the voters of the Town of Bath was held March 10, 1998 at the Bath Village School. The Moderator, Thomas Rappa called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Moderator explained the procedures that would be followed throughout the meeting. Dianne Rappa made the motion to waive the reading of the warrant, seconded by George Karner. A voice vote was taken and the ayes prevailed.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for two years, a Town Clerk-Tax Collector for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for two years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years and other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

MODERATOR for TWO YEARS:

Dianne Rappa nominated Thomas Rappa, seconded by Al Maggio. Dianne Rappa made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Harry Lackie. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR for ONE YEAR:

Harry Lindemann nominated Beverly Woods, seconded by Paul Lamarre. Dianne Rappa made the motion to close nominations and have the Moderator cast one ballot, seconded by George Karner. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

TREASURER for ONE YEAR:

Florence Woods nominated Alden Minot, seconded by Harry Lackie. Ben Harrington made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by George Karner. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

SELECTMAN for THREE YEARS:

Ben Harrington nominated Alan Rutherford, seconded by George Karner. Harry Lackie made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Al Haeussler. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

SELECTMAN for TWO YEARS:

Ben Harrington nominated Dianna Ash, seconded by George Karner. Karen Harrington made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Harry Lackie. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS for THREE YEARS:

Ben Harrington nominated Mike Lusby, seconded by Harry Lindemann. Karen Harrington made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by George Karner. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for SIX YEARS:

Beverly Woods nominated Velma Ide, seconded by Paul Lamarre. Harry Lackie made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by George Karner. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

Velma Ide noted that a Supervisor of the Checklist was needed to fill the position of Dianna Ash and nominated Linda Elliott as a Supervisor of the Checklist for two years, seconded by Ben Harrington. Ben Harrington made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Karen Harrington. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for THREE YEARS:

Mary Jane Diamond nominated Nancy Lusby, seconded by Diane LaFond. George Karner made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Al Haeussler. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for THREE YEARS:

Beverly Woods nominated Randall Burt, seconded by Velma Ide. Dianne Rappa made the motion to close nominations and have the Town Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Velma Ide. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed. Moderator administered the Oath of Office.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Ben Harrington made the motion to accept the reports as printed in the Town Report, seconded by John Lees. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$673,000 for the rehabilitation and extraordinary repair of the Swiftwater Covered Bridge and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow said funds under the Municipal Finance Act (of which 80%, \$538,400 will be reimbursed by the NHDOT and the remaining 20% to be funded by the Town) and to issue and negotiate such notes and to accept and expend any donations or other funds available for the project. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Dianne Rappa made the motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$653,000 for the rehabilitation and extraordinary repair of the Swiftwater Covered Bridge and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow said funds under the Municipal Finance Act (of which 80%, \$522,400, will be reimbursed by the NHDOT and the remaining 20% to be funded by the Town) and to issue and negotiate such notes and to accept and expend any donations or other funds available for the project. Seconded by Ben Harrington.

Dianne Rappa gave a brief history of the bridge and noted that the Town had hired Hoyle, Tanner Associates as the engineering firm on the project. Bob Durfee of Hoyle, Tanner is here to answer any questions. She would recommend passing this Article and thanked the Selectmen and the townspeople for letting us get to where we are tonight. Bob Durfee gave a brief history and explained that it would cost approximately \$1.5 million to replace rather than restore the bridge. He stated that in order to receive the 80% funding from the State, the Article would have to be approved tonight and then the engineers would finish their work to put the repairs to bid after the plans are approved by the State. He noted that the 6-ton capacity would hold an ambulance and hoped that the limits could be 10 ton in the summer. Harry Burgess asked how long the repairs would take. Mr. Durfee said that it would take 10-12 months for the repairs. Debbie Robie asked why the amount to be raised was not the \$709,000. It was explained that we raised \$56,000 in the Town meetings last year. Bryan Lang asked about other covered bridges the firm has worked on. Mr. Durfee stated that they are presently working on two other projects, but the company has no completed covered bridge projects. He also added that he had worked on several projects with another company. Aaron Solnit stated Hoyle, Tanner came very highly recommended when they were in the search process. He also noted that he feels that the Town needs the crossing and that this is the most cost-effective way to do it. He also added that if we wait, we may not get the funding.

John Lees asked if the bridge was going to be barricaded in the near future. Alan Rutherford stated that it would be barricaded after mud season regardless of the vote tonight. It is closed at this time and has not been barricaded yet due to mud season. If there is an emergency, people would be able to use it. Al Haeussler asked if the other routes would be upgraded. Alan Rutherford said that if the bridge is closed next mud season, the Town would have to do some work to upgrade alternate routes. Stearns Morse asked what the start date would be. Bob Durfee explained that if the Article passed tonight, the engineers would complete their work and bidding documents by the end of April, pre-qualify bidders and put out to bid in May. Award the bid and start the work in the end of June or the beginning of July. He also stated that this time line would depend a lot on the DOT. Harry Burgess asked if the price could go higher. Mr. Durfee responded that the bid has a safety fund built into the estimate, but it could go either way, hopefully lower. Lori Thompson asked why the State has not already approved the plan. Mr. Durfee explained that if the Article is approved, the State has committed the 80% funding, they then review the plan, then it goes out to bid then the State and Town review the bids and the State must approve the selected contractor. Aaron Solnit stated that we could not have the approved plan ready, because there was not enough time since the December Special Town Meeting. Dianne Rappa made the motion to move the article, seconded by George Karner. A paper ballot was taken.

109 Votes Cast

92 – YES

16 – NO

1 – Abstain

Motion carried.

Alan Rutherford thanked the Bridge Committee for the work they put into the project. Applause was heard.

Alan Rutherford explained that the arches on the bridge were not originally included, but added in 1914. He asked the townspeople for some guidance on how they wanted the bridge to look. The arches are not necessary to carry the load on the bridge. The Bridge Committee feels that they should be restored, the Historical Society does not feel they should be included. The Highway Department feels they should be removed for safety concerns and the Selectmen feel they should be removed so that there will be one less thing to deal with in the future. It was noted that it would cost \$17,000 more to restore aesthetically than to remove them. Dianne Rappa stated that in our history the arches have been there and when the bridge became part of the national register, they were there. Paul Lamarre asked about the weight of the arches and was told that they do not add or detract from the weight of the bridge. Randall Burt commented that it would be safer to remove them. Visibility in the bridge is not that good. Alan Rutherford asked for a non-binding straw vote on what the townspeople felt. Tom Rappa asked for a show of hands: 52 to take out arches, 21 to leave in arches. Tom Rappa reminded the audience that this is a non-binding vote and the decision is up to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for major road repairs in Bath and to authorize the issuance of notes of \$95,000 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Alan Rutherford made the motion to accept the Article as printed, seconded by John Lees. Alan Rutherford explained that the Budget Committee thought this should be included because we cannot wait any longer to start on some of these roads. He also noted that interest rates are very low at this time. The roads under consideration include a section of Goose Lane, a section of Pettyboro Road and part of Mt. Gardner Road. He noted that these sections take a toll on all vehicles and need to be addressed. Jeff Michelsen asked how the roads would be improved. Alan Rutherford explained that the asphalt would be removed, whatever is under would be removed to a suitable depth and replaced with material that drains and chip seal Goose Lane and probably keep others graveled for the time being. Jeff Michelsen asked if \$95,000 will cover it. Alan Rutherford answered that it would be a start, but it will take a few years to completely upgrade these areas. Bev Woods asked if something was planned for the center of Town. Alan Rutherford explained that the area around the common would be included in the regular operating budget this year and is top priority. Randall Burt thought that chip seal is not a good idea. Harry Burgess asked if the jobs would be contracted out. Alan Rutherford said that they would, but the Road Crew would help with some of the work. A paper ballot was taken. 96 votes were cast. 84 yes and 12 no. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$414,990 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles addressed. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Ben Harrington made the motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$414,990, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles addressed. Seconded by Harry Lackie. Harry Burgess asked for explanation for increases in three line items; Elections, etc..., Public Safety and Welfare. Alan Rutherford explained that Elections, etc... included having the vital record books redone. Public Safety included numbering for the 911 system and Welfare is a guess, but want to have enough to cover any requests. Dianne Rappa asked about the refinancing of the Fire Station. Alan Rutherford explained that it has been done, but no changes were made in the budget because we do not know what interest payments will be on the new notes. Harry Lackie made the motion to move the question. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund for the acquisition of new road maintenance equipment as authorized in Chapter 35 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Ben Harrington made the motion to accept the Article as printed, seconded by Harry Lackie. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund for the future revaluation of the Town. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Ben Harrington made the motion to accept the Article as printed, seconded by Harry Lackie. Velma Ide asked if the Town had the money for the current revaluation. Alan Rutherford explained that the money for the current reval was appropriated last year, but there are two parts to the tax records; the tax cards and the tax maps. We are in the process of updating the cards (reval), but will still need to do the maps. Last year's estimate was about \$35,000. The next Article refers to changing the purpose to include the future mapping so we do not have to come up with the money all at once. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the future revaluation of the Town Capital Reserve Fund to the future revaluation and mapping of the Town Capital Reserve Fund.

Alan Rutherford made the motion to accept the Article as printed, seconded by Dwight Robie. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Section VIII D. Type of Land Use – to allow Industrial land use by “special exception” in the Village/Business Districts. (Change the ‘X’ to an ‘S’ in the table on page 9) (By Ballot)

Dianne Rappa made the motion to accept the Article as printed, seconded by Susan Rowley. Dianne Rappa, as Planning Board chairman, explained the zoning change. It would be to allow anyone interested in industrial land use in the Village/Business District to apply for a special exception from the Zoning Board. Loren Solnit asked if there was someone who wanted to do this. Dianne replied that Charlie Diamond is interested and she has had other inquiries. Charlie Diamond explained that he has been in business in Bath for 25 years, but has run out of space. At this time, he has portions of his operation in North Haverhill and Canada. Wants to get all his operation in one spot and expand. He does not have room for this at his present location. If he moved his business, traffic in the center of Town would decrease. He would be able to move his light commercial operation without the special exception, but could not consolidate all his operations without the special exception. Tom Rappa reminded the audience that everybody would have the opportunity to apply for a special exception, not just Mr. Diamond. Ray Burton spoke in favor of passing the Article. He noted that there are plenty of State rules and regulations in place to protect Town and townspeople. A paper ballot was taken with 71 votes cast. 63 in favor, 8 against. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to change the hour at which polls shall open from 8 o'clock in the morning to a time not later than 11 o'clock in the morning.

Velma Ide made the motion to accept the Article as printed, seconded by Everett Rowley. Velma Ide spoke on the Article. She stated that Senator Gordon has a bill in progress that will allow the Town of Bath to change their polling hours. It does not mean that they will not open until 11:00 a.m. The bill has passed in the Senate and will probably go through the House without a problem if the Town supports it. Velma Ide noted that election officials have to be there before 8:00 a.m. and sit for hours for only a handful of voters. She also noted that anyone who cannot make the polls could still use the absentee ballot system.

Bob Dean stated he would like to see the polls open later than 8:00 a.m. because the children are still outside the school at that time and this causes a safety concern. Tom Rappa stated that the legislation in Concord would give us the right to regulate our own polling hours, previous changes were statewide through the legislature. Harry Lackie made the motion to move the question. Motion carried as the ayes unanimously prevailed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will petition the General Court for legislation to allow Towns to have the option of holding their Annual Town Meeting on either the second Tuesday or the following Saturday in March.

Velma Ide made the motion to accept the Article as printed, seconded by Paul Lamarre. Randall Burt asked who would regulate the time and place of the Town meeting.

Randall Burt noted that we have traditionally had a Tuesday meeting and Saturday's are hard for a lot of people. Paul Lamarre stated that he thought the bill was set up for individual Towns to vote how they want to have the meeting. Velma Ide noted that each

Town would have the opportunity to decide. She also commented that we have lost a lot of people by having the meeting at night. Possibly with a Saturday meeting we will have more attendance. Tom Rappa stated that tonight's purpose was to Petition the General Court for the option and not to decide when the meeting will be held. Motion carried as the ayes prevailed.

ARTICLE 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Tom Rappa made a request for election officials. If anyone is interested contact Bev Woods.

Harry Lindemann made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Harry Lackie.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.

TOWN OF BATH TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bath qualified to vote on Town Affairs. You are notified to meet at the Bath Village School Cafetorium on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk-Tax Collector for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustees for three years each, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years and other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$454,232 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles addressed. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund for the acquisition of new road maintenance equipment as authorized in Chapter 35 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund for the future revaluation and mapping of the Town. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town of Bath will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,301 as the Town's contribution to White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services, a non-profit mental health and developmental service center. (By petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund for the future construction or repair of the Swiftwater Covered Bridge. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Haverhill to administer the reconstruction and maintenance of the Haverhill-Bath Bridge.

ARTICLE 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Board of Selectmen

David G. Stimson
Dianna Ash
R. Alan Rutherford

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BATH – REVENUE

Sources of Revenue	Estimated 1998	Actual 1998	Estimated 1999
Taxes:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$ -0-
3180 Resident Taxes	5,240.00	4,610.00	5,300.00
3185 Timber Taxes	16,430.00	11,002.00	13,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	86,786.00	86,786.00	83,000.00
3189 Woodsville Dam	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	31,350.00	27,122.00	25,000.00
Excavation Tax	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
Excavation Activity Tax	2,000.00	2,023.00	2,000.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	89,000.00	94,841.00	90,000.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000.00	3,495.00	3,000.00
From State:			
3351 Shared Revenues	4,210.00	17,402.00	15,000.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	12,122.00	12,122.00	12,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	66,438.00	66,438.00	60,081.00
3356 State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	47.00	47.00	50.00
3359 Other (Including Railroad Tax)	572,200.00	245,124.00	2,000.00
Charges for Services:			
3401-3406 Income From Departments	1,500.00	1,977.00	1,500.00
3409 Other Charges - Rent	4,150.00	4,150.00	4,075.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	500.00	571.00	500.00
3502 Interest on Investments	9,500.00	16,732.00	12,000.00
3503-3509 Refunds	9,500.00	20,114.00	9,500.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In:			
3914 Water	-0-	1,479.00	8,000.00
3915 Capital Reserve	-0-	78,000.00	550.00
3916 Trust & Agency Funds	1,104.00	1,104.00	1,000.00
Other Financing Sources:			
3934 Proc. From Long Term Bonds & Notes	<u>180,800.00</u>	<u>95,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$1,097,727.00	\$792,419.00	\$349,056.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BATH – EXPENDITURES

Purpose of Appropriation	Estimated 1998	Actual 1998	Estimated 1999
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	\$ 28,450.00	\$ 27,793.00	\$ 29,350.00
4140-4149 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	25,000.00	21,961.00	28,000.00
4150-4151 Financial Administration	13,000.00	12,473.00	16,500.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	5,000.00	38,184.00	6,000.00
4153 Legal Expense	5,000.00	291.00	5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	9,000.00	7,992.00	9,000.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	1,000.00	657.00	1,000.00
4194 General Government Buildings	10,000.00	6,635.00	10,000.00
4195 Cemeteries	7,850.00	7,815.00	9,900.00
4196 Insurance	17,000.00	16,179.00	15,500.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,137.00	1,137.00	1,168.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police	1,500.00	543.00	1,500.00
4215-4219 Ambulance	9,216.00	8,216.00	9,976.00
4220-4229 Fire	20,000.00	15,121.00	35,000.00
4240-4249 Building Inspection	250.00	-0-	250.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	100.00	-0-	100.00
4299 Other Public Safety (including Communications)	2,800.00	336.00	3,000.00
Highway & Streets:			
4312 Highways & Streets	175,000.00	152,057.00	175,000.00
4313 Bridges	1,000.00	1,884.00	2,000.00
4316 Street Lighting	6,800.00	6,147.00	6,800.00
4319 Highway Department Building	7,000.00	5,048.00	7,000.00
Sanitation:			
4321 Administration	500.00	-0-	1,500.00
Water Distribution and Treatment:			
4332 Water Services	7,000.00	3,127.00	10,000.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	1,200.00	1,130.00	1,500.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies, Hosp. & Other	2,584.00	2,584.00	2,584.00
Welfare:			
4441-4442 Admin. & Direct Assistance	8,000.00	2,921.00	8,000.00

Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation	800.00	777.00	3,600.00
4550-4559 Library	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	500.00	349.00	400.00
Conservation:			
4619 Other Conservation	500.00	268.00	500.00
Debt Service:			
4711 Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	26,000.00	26,000.00	30,500.00
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	11,303.00	10,437.00	13,104.00
4723 Interest on TAN	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
4903 Bridges	653,000.00	156,856.00	-0-
4909 Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	95,000.00	107,638.00	-0-
Operating Transfers Out:			
4915 To Capital Reserve Fund	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,182,990.00	\$671,056.00	\$454,232.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

Subtotal 1 Appropriations Recommended	\$454,232.00
Subtotal 2 Special Warrant Articles	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended	474,232.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	<u>349,056.00</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	\$125,176.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Anyone wishing to read the Auditor's Report, it will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

Selectmen, Town of Bath

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board worked on several projects this year. The Swiftwater Bridge renovation is well underway and expected to be complete later this spring.

Goose Lane Road project is complete. It included many hours of planning and getting contractors lined up through the final stage of laying the asphalt, making a very nice road. Paving around the Town Common was also completed. This is a great improvement for everyone.

Reappraisal of the Town was completed.

The vital record books have all been refurbished at this time. They look wonderful. Everyone is welcome to see them in the Town Office.

The Town Office was painted. The 4-H group worked very hard on cleaning and painting their meeting room. Thanks for all your efforts.

Due to a very generous donation from the Bailey's of Route 112, we were able to get the Fire Station stained. Thank you.

Also, thanks to Charlie Diamond who had his water tower painted this year. It is quite an improvement.

If anyone is interested in serving on any of the Boards in Town, please let us know.

Board of Selectmen

David G. Stimson

Dianna Ash

R. Alan Rutherford

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT **Year Ending December 31, 1998**

Automobile Permits	1222	\$ 94,841.00
Automobile Title Fees	158	316.00
Dog Licenses	260	1,758.50
Dog Penalties	64	72.00
Dog Fines	2	50.00
Vital Records (Research, Cert.)	18	164.00
Marriage Licenses	8	360.00
UCC's Forms	30	479.00
Town Histories	34	378.00
Postage		2.94
Lost Registration Copies	7	21.00
Zoning Copies		10.00
Recording – (N.C.Y. M.C.A.)		5.00
Donation		8,333.33
Copy Machine		12.25
Pole License		10.00
Copy Checklist	2	20.00
Master Planning Copy		2.00
INSF Check Charge		<u>15.00</u>
		\$106,850.02
Paid to Treasurer		\$106,850.02

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Woods, Town Clerk

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:		
In Hands of Treasurer	\$464,435.80	
NHPDIP	<u>295,800.00</u>	\$760,235.80
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Highway Equipment	36,864.05	
Swiftwater Bridge	1,178.73	
Revaluation/Mapping	<u>34,161.91</u>	72,204.69
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy 1997	52,479.71	
Levy 1996	31,814.86	
Previous Years	<u>695.46</u>	84,990.03
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1998		
Residents	870.00	
Property	117,823.50	
Excavation Tax	1,318.12	
Yield & Doomage	<u>5,604.70</u>	<u>125,616.32</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,043,046.84

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:		
School District		\$ 641,214.00
Swiftwater Bridge – funds payable		115,790.95
Highway Capital Reserve		36,864.05
Swiftwater Bridge Capital Reserve		1,178.73
Revaluation/Mapping Capital Reserve		<u>34,161.91</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 829,209.64
Current Surplus		<u>213,837.20</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,043,046.84

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS and

	Appropriations	Receipts
Executive	\$ 28,450.00	\$
Election, Registration, Etc.	25,000.00	
Financial Administration	13,000.00	101.00
Revaluation of Property	5,000.00	38,000.00
Legal Expense	5,000.00	
Personnel Administration	9,000.00	112.00
Planning and Zoning	1,000.00	649.00
Government Building	10,000.00	
Cemeteries	7,850.00	500.00
Insurance	17,000.00	4,976.00
Regional Associations	1,137.00	
Police	1,500.00	
Ambulance	9,216.00	
Fire Department	20,000.00	2,010.00
Building Inspection	250.00	345.00
Emergency Management	100.00	
Public Safety	2,800.00	
Highways and Streets	175,000.00	1,281.00
Bridges	1,000.00	2,700.00
Street Lighting	6,800.00	
Highway Department Building	7,000.00	
Solid Waste	500.00	
Water	7,000.00	1,478.00
Animal Control	1,200.00	1,880.00
Health and Hospitals	2,584.00	
Direct Assistance	8,000.00	
Parks and Recreation	800.00	100.00
Library	8,500.00	
Patriotic Purpose	500.00	
Conservation Commission	500.00	
Principal-Long Term Bonds/Notes	26,000.00	
Interest-Long Term Bonds/Notes	11,303.00	
Interest-TAN	2,000.00	
Capital Outlay-Highways	95,000.00	
Capital Outlay-Swiftwater Bridge	653,000.00	35,000.00
Capital Reserve	<u>20,000.00</u>	
TOTALS	\$1,182,990.00	\$89,132.00

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

Total	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$ 28,450.00	\$ 27,793.00	\$ 657.00	\$
25,000.00	21,961.00	3,039.00	
13,101.00	12,473.00	628.00	
43,000.00	38,184.00	4,816.00	
5,000.00	291.00	4,709.00	
9,112.00	7,992.00	1,120.00	
1,649.00	657.00	992.00	
10,000.00	6,635.00	3,365.00	
8,350.00	7,815.00	535.00	
21,976.00	16,179.00	5,797.00	
1,137.00	1,137.00		
1,500.00	543.00	957.00	
9,216.00	8,216.00	1,000.00	
22,010.00	15,121.00	6,889.00	
595.00	-0-	595.00	
100.00	-0-	100.00	
2,800.00	336.00	2,464.00	
176,281.00	152,057.00	24,224.00	
3,700.00	1,884.00	1,816.00	
6,800.00	6,147.00	653.00	
7,000.00	5,048.00	1,952.00	
500.00	-0-	500.00	
8,478.00	3,127.00	5,351.00	
3,080.00	1,130.00	1,950.00	
2,584.00	2,584.00		
8,000.00	2,921.00	5,079.00	
900.00	777.00	123.00	
8,500.00	8,500.00		
500.00	349.00	151.00	
500.00	268.00	232.00	
26,000.00	26,000.00		
11,303.00	10,437.00	866.00	
2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00	
95,000.00	107,638.00		12,638.00
688,000.00	156,856.00	531,144.00	
<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>		
\$1,272,122.00	\$671,056.00	\$613,704.00	\$12,638.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall/ Lands and Buildings	\$143,200.00
Furniture & Equipment	25,000.00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment	20,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	103,200.00
Equipment	125,000.00
Highway Department, Buildings	30,600.00
Equipment	165,000.00
Tools and Supplies	25,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playground	23,100.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings, Equipment	1,421,700.00
Town Forest	<u>57,700.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$2,139,500.00

1998 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land	\$10,848,850.00
Buildings	29,744,500.00
Public Utilities	11,701,200.00
Less Exempt	<u>(10,000.00)</u>
	\$52,284,550.00

TAX RATE

Town	\$ 2.03
County	1.79
School	<u>20.41</u>
	\$24.23

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

DEBITS

	1998	1997	1996	Prior Years
Uncollected Taxes				
Beginning of Fiscal Year:				
Property Taxes	\$	\$123,406.37	\$	\$
Resident Taxes		1,130.00	180.00	140.00
Yield Taxes		3,535.75		
1 Luct Tax		2,500.00		
Taxes Committed This Year:				
Property Taxes #3110	1,269,124.86			
Resident Taxes #3180	5,590.00			
Land Use Change #3120	1,280.00			
Yield Taxes #3185	16,606.69			
Fees/Charges #3189	2,286.50			
Excavation Tax	3,341.35			
Overpayment:				
Adjustments		554.90		
Collected Interest:				
Late Taxes #3190	1,235.27	9,968.45		
Penalties-Res. Tax #3190	<u>120.00</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,299,584.67	\$141,095.47	\$180.00	\$140.00

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During				
Fiscal Year:				
Property Taxes *	\$1,147,901.85	\$123,658.80	\$	\$
Resident Taxes	4,610.00	870.00	160.00	140.00
Land Use Change	1,280.00	1,500.00		
Yield Taxes	11,001.99	3,535.75		
Fee/Charges	2,286.50			
Interest	1,235.27	9,968.45		
Penalties - Resident	120.00			
Excavation Tax	2,023.23			
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	2,260.75	302.47		
Resident Taxes	110.00	160.00	10.00	
Land Use Change		1,000.00		

1998 Adjustments 1,138.76

Uncollected Taxes:

Property Taxes	117,823.50		
Resident Taxes	870.00	100.00	10.00
Yield Taxes	5,604.70		
Excavation Tax	<u>1,318.12</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,299,584.67	\$141,095.47	\$180.00	\$140.00
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*Property Taxes paid in 1999 - \$296.36

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

DEBITS

	1997	1996	1995	Prior Years
Unredeemed Liens				
Beginning of Year	\$	\$44,837.97	\$21,180.14	\$8,806.25
Liens Executed During Year	74,980.80			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	<u>1,623.13</u>	<u>3,725.02</u>	<u>9,047.74</u>	<u>2,923.11</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$76,603.93	\$48,562.99	\$30,227.88	\$11,729.36

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	\$22,482.59	\$13,023.11	\$20,484.68	\$8,806.25
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	1,623.13	3,725.02	9,047.74	2,923.11
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	18.50			
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance End of Year #1110	<u>52,479.71</u>	<u>31,814.86</u>	<u>695.46</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$76,603.93	48,562.99	\$30,227.88	\$11,729.36

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1998

\$ 428,251.39

Received from Beverly Woods, Tax Collector:

Property Tax, 1999	\$ 296.36	
Property Tax, 1998	1,147,996.47	
Property Tax, 1997	58,700.43	
Property Tax Overpayment, 1998	7.86	
Property Tax Interest, 1998	1,223.36	
Property Tax Interest, 1997	3,158.67	
Yield Tax, 1998	11,001.99	
Yield Tax Overpayment, 1998	3.75	
Yield Tax, 1997	2,048.90	
Yield Tax, Costs & Fees	167.00	
Yield Tax Interest	212.45	
Resident Tax, 1998	4,610.00	
Resident Tax, 1997	870.00	
Resident Tax, 1996	160.00	
Resident Tax, Previous Years	140.00	
Resident Tax Penalties	120.00	
Land Use Change Tax	2,780.00	
Redemptions	65,009.44	
Redemption, Interest of Sale	13,420.34	
Redemption, Costs & Fees	98.00	
Excavation Tax	2,023.23	
Register of Deeds	150.00	
Mortgage Notices	712.00	
Redeposited Item	<u>206.41</u>	1,315,116.66

Received from Beverly Woods, Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	94,841.00
Dog Licenses	1,758.50
Auto Title Fees	316.00
U.C.C. Fees	479.00
Dog License Penalties	72.00
Dog Fines	50.00
Sale of Town Histories	378.00
Marriage Licenses	360.00
Vital Statistics	164.00
Donation	8,333.33
Replaced Registrations	21.00
Sale of Checklists	20.00
Insufficient Funds Check Charge	15.00
Use of Copier	12.55

Pole License	10.00	
Master Plan Book	10.00	
Recording N.C.Y.M.C.A.	5.00	
Postage	2.64	
Zoning Regulations	<u>2.00</u>	106,850.02

Received from State Treasurer:

Highway Block Grant	66,438.37	
Revenue Sharing Distribution	17,402.02	
Funds, Repairs, Swiftwater Bridge	242,646.58	
Rooms & Meals Tax	12,122.21	
Railroad Tax	2,476.86	
Refund: Forest Fire	1,702.06	
Fire Permits, State Share	250.00	
Fire Department Training	58.14	
Town Forest	<u>47.43</u>	343,143.67

Miscellaneous:

Highway Improvement Loan	95,000.00
Capital Reserve, Swiftwater Bridge	40,000.00
Capital Reserve, Re-Evaluation	38,000.00
Hydro Tax	86,786.85
Interest Earned on Invested Funds	15,263.78
Refund: Insurance Premiums and Invested Income	4,753.34
Post Office Rent	3,900.00
Haverhill-Bath Bridge Account	2,700.00
Transferred from Bath Village Water	1,478.59
Interest on Checking Account	1,468.94
Income from Trust Funds	1,104.49
Reimbursement, Expenditures on 1 Ton Truck	920.21
Planning Board	568.00
Historical Society, Donation, Cemeteries	500.00
Woodsville Water & Light, Dam Agreement	500.00
Refund: Insurance Contributions	335.32
Building Permits	315.00
Pistol Permits	260.00
Hall Rent	250.00
Sale of Used Culverts	210.80
Use of Equipment	150.00
Zoning Permits	116.00
Refund: Little League	100.00
Commission on Pay Phone	89.06
Sale of Town Histories	80.00
Sale of Property List	50.00
Current Use Applications	24.00
Use of Copier	23.00
Sale of Checklists	22.00
Sale of Notebooks	15.00

Refund: Phone Use	12.04	
Zoning Regulations	8.50	
Misc. Receipts, Bank Errors, etc.	34.07	
Less Returned Deposited Item	(10.00)	<u>295,028.99</u>

Total Receipts

\$2,488,390.73

PAYMENTS

Selectmen’s Orders Paid	\$1,728,154.93	1,728,154.93
Monies Invested in N.H. Investment Pool		295,800.00
Fleet Bank, Checking Balance		<u>464,435.80</u>

\$2,488,390.73

Respectfully submitted,

Alden W. Minot
Treasurer

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$27,793.02
Elections and Registrations	21,960.64
Financial Administrations	12,473.19
Revaluation of Property	38,184.00
Legal Expense	290.50
Personnel Administration	7,991.83
Planning and Zoning	656.95
General Government Building	6,635.15
Cemeteries	7,815.00
Insurance	16,179.00
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	<u>1,136.98</u>

Total General Government

\$141,116.26

Public Safety:

Police Department	542.84
Ambulance	8,216.00
Fire Department	15,120.85
Public Safety	<u>335.94</u>

Total Public Safety

24,215.63

Highways and Streets:

Highways and Streets	152,056.69
Goose Lane Project	107,638.24
Street Lighting	6,147.41
Highway – Garage	5,047.61
Bridges	1,884.20
Swiftwater Covered Bridge	<u>156,855.63</u>

Total Highways and Streets

429,629.78

Water Distribution:

Water Services

3,127.39

Health:

Animal Control	1,129.71
Health Agencies and Hospitals	<u>2,584.00</u>

Total Health

3,713.71

Public Welfare – General Assistance

2,920.76

Culture and Recreation:

Parks and Recreation

777.30

Library	8,500.00	
Patriotic Purposes	<u>348.70</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation		9,626.00
Conservation Commission		267.59
Debt Service:		
Principal-Long Term Bonds	26,000.00	
Interest-Long Term Bonds	<u>10,437.09</u>	
Total Debt Service		36,437.09
Capital Reserve		20,000.00
Unclassified:		
Taxes Bought by Town	74,980.80	
Discounts and Abatements	<u>3,710.72</u>	
Total Unclassified		78,691.52
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
County/State	94,950.00	
School District	<u>958,440.00</u>	
Total to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,053,390.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,803,135.73

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1. EXECUTIVE

Pamela Murphy	\$15,738.79	
Fleet Bank	3,638.17	
MA Insurance Trust	3,406.08	
Alan Rutherford	1,385.25	
David Stimson	1,385.25	
Dianna Ash	1,385.25	
Alden Minot	692.62	
Thomas Rappa	<u>161.61</u>	\$ 27,793.02

2. ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Beverly Woods	12,500.57	
NHMA Insurance Trust	3,406.08	
Joseph J. Mariotti Co.	3,343.00	
Fleet Bank	2,471.99	
Tuck Press	129.00	
Mary Ann Vogt	72.00	
Evans Printing Company	<u>38.00</u>	21,960.64

3. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Francis J. Dineen Co.	3,000.00	
NH Department of Agriculture	1,513.00	
Harrison Publishing	1,450.00	
Business Management Systems	868.60	
USPS/Bath Post Office	772.80	
Bell Atlantic	741.36	
Woodsville Guaranty Bank	520.00	
Ross Business Center	458.28	
Lexis Law Publishers	378.68	
Register of Deeds	366.40	
C.P.I.	341.56	
Trust Funds Payments - 1997	310.40	
GBF Information Systems	305.28	
Pamela Murphy	282.63	
Quill Corporation	272.10	
I.R.S.	189.05	
Stark and Sons Machining	182.60	
Avitar Associates	162.50	
Tuck Press	129.00	
N.H. Tax Collector's Association	113.60	
N.H. Town Clerk's Association	52.50	
Branham Publishing	42.85	
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials	<u>20.00</u>	12,473.19

4. REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Avitar Associates		38,184.00
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5. LEGAL EXPENSES		
Mitchell & Bates	120.91	
Samaha & Vaughan	108.00	
Van Dorn & Cullenberg	<u>61.59</u>	290.50
6. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Fleet Bank	7,831.83	
NHUCF	<u>160.00</u>	7,991.83
7. PLANNING AND ZONING		
Register of Deeds	182.00	
Tuck Press	172.00	
Bath Post Office	110.00	
Susan Rowley	61.05	
North Country Council	45.00	
Kim Fournier	27.50	
Main Street Media	24.80	
Pamela Murphy	19.60	
NHMA	<u>15.00</u>	656.95
8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING		
Walter E. Jock Oil	1,985.38	
CVEC	1,828.12	
Arlen Whitcomb	950.00	
George Woods	913.83	
Unifirst	425.30	
Bath 4-H Club	193.25	
Alarmco, Inc.	106.00	
Lyndonville Office Equipment	95.80	
Fleet Bank	81.98	
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	25.00	
Ken's Locksmithery	19.50	
Fogg's True Value	<u>10.99</u>	6,635.15
9. CEMETERIES		
Gary Youngman	5,615.00	
Fairlee Monument	2,000.00	
Spencer Richardson	150.00	
Randall Burt	<u>50.00</u>	7,815.00
10. INSURANCE		
NHMA Property Liability Trust	8,558.00	
CFNH-WC	<u>7,621.00</u>	16,179.00
11. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS		
North Country Council	636.98	
NHMA	<u>500.00</u>	1,136.98
12. POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Arthur Joy, Jr.	461.75	

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	60.84	
Walter E. Jock Oil	<u>20.25</u>	542.84
13. AMBULANCE		
Woodsville Rescue Ambulance		8,216.00
14. FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Arlen Whitcomb	3,400.00	
Forest Fire Payments	3,101.95	
Grafton County Sheriff	2,157.00	
Walter E. Jock Oil	1,134.93	
CVEC	955.31	
B & R Diesel Repair	715.00	
Dave's Auto Repair	484.13	
Twin State Aid Fire Association	476.57	
Fire Permits 1998	458.00	
Bixby's Auto	438.69	
Bell Atlantic	371.83	
Bly Communications	308.55	
Bond Auto	263.16	
Pioneer Products	171.84	
Car Guy	132.17	
Hood's Plumbing	121.24	
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	101.68	
Merriam-Graves	60.00	
North Country Fire Resources	60.00	
Fogg's True Value	59.82	
Inland Divers	55.00	
Shur Auto Parts	48.98	
Lisbon Chevrolet/Geo	<u>45.00</u>	15,120.85
15. PUBLIC SAFETY		
Work Safe		335.94
16. TOWN CREW SALARIES		
John Lees	19,406.75	
Herbert Chamberlain, Jr.	16,587.53	
James Frost	15,381.12	
Fleet Bank	12,538.42	
NHMA Insurance Trust	<u>10,218.24</u>	74,132.06
17. HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		
Bigelow Paving	13,212.37	
Donald Beattie	7,955.00	
Granite State Minerals	5,649.42	
Blaktop, Inc.	5,447.30	
Walter E. Jock Oil	5,310.40	
Glen Houston	5,250.00	
L.R. Bixby Crushing	4,700.00	
Randy Whitcher	<u>4,550.00</u>	

William Presby	4,044.00	
Home ICU	2,468.40	
NH Municipal Truck Equipment	1,915.65	
Grappone Industrial	1,801.98	
Camerota Truck Parts	1,650.00	
E.J. Prescott	1,204.19	
ATCO Manufacturing	1,189.30	
A.D. Sanel	1,175.00	
Harold Geneen Estate	1,080.00	
B & R Diesel Repair	1,033.50	
John Lees	907.30	
Randall Burt	830.50	
Northern States Tire	766.46	
RAK Industries	618.68	
Fadden Automotive	539.26	
Precision Lubricants	500.60	
B-B Chain Co.	328.25	
Treasurer, State of NH	316.38	
Aldrich Welding	290.75	
Howard P. Fairfield	279.53	
Johnson Wrecker Service	275.00	
Manchester Mack	271.62	
Hill Martin Corp.	284.36	
Texas Refinery, Corp.	248.40	
Bond Auto	238.37	
W.B. & R.L. Martin	233.51	
Norman Patoine	198.00	
Pinpoint	185.31	
David Stimson	182.00	
K.L. Jack & Co.	180.57	
Farm Plan	85.40	
Merriam-Graves	82.95	
J & B International	73.44	
Lawson Products	73.08	
Fogg's True Value	64.04	
Bixby's Power Equipment	58.21	
Ossipee Mountain Electronic	31.10	
Nova Electronics	30.00	
Transit Truck Repair	30.00	
NH Good Roads Association	25.00	
E.T. & H.K. Ide, Inc.	22.80	
Bath Variety Store	21.57	
Shur Auto	12.18	
E-Z Steel Fabrication	<u>3.50</u>	77,924.63

18. GOOSE LANE PROJECT

Bigelow Paving	50,712.04
Donald Beattie	20,373.40
Pike Industries	18,300.10
Home ICU	11,971.70

Richardson Brothers	2,207.00	
E.J. Prescott	1,782.00	
Randall Burt	1,242.00	
E.W. Sleeper	<u>1,050.00</u>	107,638.24
19. STREET LIGHTING		
CVEC	4,549.41	
Woodsville Water & Light	<u>1,598.00</u>	6,147.41
20. HIGHWAY GARAGE		
Walter E. Jock Oil	2,083.80	
CVEC	1,657.08	
Bell Atlantic	456.97	
Casella Waste Management	347.31	
St. Johnsbury Overhead Door	259.00	
Timberwolf	80.00	
Tuck Press	75.00	
J.A. Corey	59.06	
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	25.00	
Brick Store	<u>4.39</u>	5,047.61
21. BRIDGES		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	1,350.00	
E-Z Steel & Fabrication	400.00	
Royal Electric	76.80	
Tuck Press	43.00	
Fogg's True Value	<u>14.40</u>	1,884.20
22. SWIFTWATER COVERED BRIDGE		
Wright Construction	85,749.31	
Hoyle Tanner Associates	70,097.72	
Tilcon - Whitcomb	760.00	
Tuck Press	180.60	
DES - Wetlands Bureau	<u>68.00</u>	156,855.63
23. WATER SERVICES		
Woodsville Water & Lights	1,108.80	
Gustavo Preston Company	633.72	
Bath Village Water	540.00	
Welch's Water Service	500.00	
William Englert	230.87	
N.E. Rural Water Association	100.00	
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	<u>14.00</u>	3,127.39
24. ANIMAL CONTROL		
William Englert	634.99	
Frederick Erb	368.00	
Edwin E. Blaisdell	90.00	
Fleet Bank	<u>36.72</u>	1,129.71

25. HEALTH AND HOSPITALS		
North Country Home Health	1,914.00	
Hospice of Littleton	470.00	
Littleton Hospital	<u>200.00</u>	2,584.00
26. GENERAL ASSISTANCE		
CVEC	1,507.86	
Community Action Program	600.00	
Senior Citizen Council	500.00	
William Englert	230.87	
Walter E. Jock Oil	62.90	
Fleet Bank	<u>19.13</u>	2,920.76
27. RECREATION AND PARKS		
Keith's II Sporting Goods	474.30	
Connecticut Valley Little League	125.00	
North Country YMCA	100.00	
Michael Woods	<u>78.00</u>	777.30
28. LIBRARY		
Theresa Belyea, Treasurer	3,374.38	
Deborah Ardolino	3,586.23	
Fleet Bank	1,215.58	
Judy Tumosa	278.10	
Elizabeth Peters	<u>45.71</u>	8,500.00
29. PATRIOTIC		
Ross Wood Post 20 – American Legion		348.70
30. CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
NH Association of Conservation Commissions	153.00	
Judy Tumosa	59.59	
Twin Rivers Recycling	30.00	
Woody Argereow	<u>25.00</u>	267.59
31. PRINCIPAL – LONG TERM BONDS		
State Street Bank & Trust	20,000.00	
Woodsville Guaranty Bank	<u>6,000.00</u>	26,000.00
32. INTEREST – LONG TERM BONDS		
State Street Bank & Trust	7,942.25	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings	<u>2,494.84</u>	10,437.09
33. CAPITAL RESERVE		
Trustee of Trust Funds		20,000.00
34. TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN		
Beverly Woods, Tax Collector		74,980.80

35. ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

1998 Property Tax Refunds

2,710.72

Charles Davis

1,000.00

3,710.72

36. STATE & COUNTY

Grafton County Treasurer

94,105.00

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire

845.00

94,950.00

37. SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bath School District

958,440.00**GRAND TOTAL**\$1,803,135.73**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS****December 31, 1998****INCOME**

Interest of Deposits

\$ 1,104.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Bath Village School

\$ 51.39

Bath Congregational Church

253.16

Bath Village Library

5.86

Bath Covered Bridge

14.48

Bath Cemetery Care

779.65**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

\$ 1,104.54

Capital Reserve Fund – Road Equipment

Balance December 31, 1998

\$36,864.05

Capital Reserve Fund – Revaluation/Mapping

Balance December 31, 1998

\$34,161.91

Capital Reserve Fund – Bridge

Balance December 31, 1998 (Swiftwater Covered)

\$ 1,178.73

A Scholarship Fund

\$ 437.60

VILLAGE WATER ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1998	\$31,728.83
Water Rents Collected During Year	9,270.50
Interest Earned	<u>868.65</u>
Total Amount Available	41,867.98
Transferred to General Fund	<u>1,478.59</u>
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1999	\$40,389.39

BATH TOWN FOREST

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1998	\$1,986.99
Interest Earned	<u>48.09</u>
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1999	\$2,035.08

BATH HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1998	\$17,313.23
Interest Earned	<u>769.37</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1998	\$18,082.60

Respectfully submitted,

Alden W. Minot
Treasurer

BATH PUBLIC LIBRARY

1998 Summary of Funds

Balance on Hand January 1, 1998

\$ 571.04

Receipts:

Appropriation Balance of 1997	415.71	
Appropriation Balance of 1998	8,125.62	
Trust Fund 1997	5.86	
Interest	36.27	
Donations	120.00	
Stale Dated Check	91.75	
Computer Fund	353.96	
Reimbursements	12.95	
Book Sales	<u>20.00</u>	\$9,182.12

Disbursements

Librarian Salaries	5,125.62	
Books	1,643.25	
Magazines/Newspapers	296.76	
Postage & Supplies	172.76	
Telephone	416.76	
Videos	87.12	
Audios	505.45	
Reference Materials	9.63	
Petty Cash	22.34	
Miscellaneous	<u>339.91</u>	<u>8,619.60</u>

Ending Balance in Checkbook

\$1,133.56

Savings Account Balance

\$ 867.48

Theresa Belyea, Treasurer

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

BOOK STOCK

Number of bound volume	13,628
Number of volumes added by purchase	99
Number of volumes added by gift.....	144
Number of volumes discarded	0
Number of magazines and newspaper subscriptions.....	28
Number of video's added by purchase.....	18
Number of video's added by gift	21
Number of audio books added by purchase	25
Number of audio books added by gift.....	32
Number of books not returned	13

CIRCULATION

Volumes of adult fiction loaned	982
Volumes of junior fiction loaned	325
Volumes of adult non-fiction loaned	172
Volumes of junior non-fiction loaned	90
Adult magazines loaned	307
Junior magazines loaned	12
Video Tapes loaned	249
Audio books loaned	136
Interlibrary loan requests filled.....	176
New patrons	37

It's been a sad year with the passing of Elizabeth (Betty) Peters. She was a big part of the Bath Public Library and gave many hours of herself in service and support. She is dearly missed! An antique chair was bought in her memory and the following people have generously donated toward it: Mary Tumosa of Maine; Friends of Bath; Marjorie Burt; Ann Dean; Shirley Peters; Vera Audolensky; Bath Congregational Church Women's Fellowship; Tom Sawyer; Cheryl Prescott and Bev & Bob Ellsworth. We are still accepting donations from anyone wishing to contribute.

The Trustees and I would like to thank the following people for their book, magazine, audio and video donations: Rebecca Summers; Hazel Burt; Littleton Coin Co.; Raymond Woods; Karen Harrington; Bruce Duncan; Mary Ann Lewis of Zanesville, Ohio; LeRoy Roberts of Kimberly-Clark Corp.; Marshall Cobleigh of Concord, NH; Elizabeth Durfee Hengen of Concord, NH; Cheryl Prescott; Trish Halsey; Mary Tumosa of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine; Bill Scott; Marjorie Burt; Everett Rowley, Jr.; Steven Whitney; Bev Shaw; Vera Audolensky; Ellen Bradley. Also, cash donations from Dr. Aaron Solnit and Ruth Anderson of East Greenwich, RI. Special thanks to the following for their generosity and support: Guy Whitcomb for doing a wonderful job fixing our ceiling and wall; Bath Village School for donating their Savin 7500 Copier Machine; Pine Grove Grange for the beautiful new emerald green Hoover vacuum cleaner.

Another sad note for the Town of Bath this year, was losing Waldo "Buster" Peters. He was an avid reader and enjoyed many of the old books at the Library. The following

people gave cash donations in Buster's memory: John & Rachel Whitney; Edna & Ernest Stein; Bath Congregational Church; Bernice B. Boomhower; Patricia Thayer; Bath Village School; Bev & Bob Ellsworth; William & Kathy Miller; Friends of Bath; Alden & Betty Minot; and Anonymous. The Trustees and I appreciate this thoughtfulness.

There were no volunteers available this year, so no Summer Reading Program or Story Hour was held. Hopefully, there will be more support this summer for such a worthwhile program.

We have two new volunteers at the Library. Ellen Bradley on Tuesdays and Barbara Stimson on Thursdays. I look forward to working with them and hope they enjoy their "library experience." It's very kind of them to volunteer their time and it is greatly appreciated.

Debbie Ardolino, Librarian

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bath Historical Society meets at 7:30 pm on the last Wednesday of each month in the Town Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Our goal is to collect and preserve materials pertaining to the history of Bath. We welcome gifts or loans of any materials, clippings, pictures, letters or any other items to help in the cause. We are also looking for old photos of buildings that have been torn down, have burned, or been destroyed in other ways. Thanks to all who have contributed to our collections.

A sign has been erected in West Bath marking the site of the "First Meetinghouse in Bath". A gathering of townspeople were on hand for a dedication ceremony on October 18, 1998. We plan to research and identify other historical sites.

A plaque has been made and is displayed in the Selectmen's Office which contains the names of all the recipients of the Boston Post Cane, given to the oldest resident.

The Society sponsored for the 7th year a Memory Tree on the Common. Funds from this project have enabled us to provide a donation of \$500 to be matched by the Town and used for cemetery stone repairs. The Society also initiated preservation of old Town record books, a project continued and completed by the Town. As we continue the Memory Tree tradition, funds produced will be used for future projects in Town.

An Old Home Day weekend is being planned by the Society, along with representatives from other Town organizations. It will be held August 14 and 15, 1999. The theme is "Return to Your Roots". Mark this on your calendars, and plan to join in the fun.

We welcome and encourage new members to join us in this most interesting organization.

Chairman - Paul Lamarre
Vice Chairman - Velma Ide
Secretary - Betty Minot
Treasurer - Chris Woods
Directors - Beverly Woods
Michael Jette
Tom Sawyer

CEMETERY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

All Bath Cemeteries are in need of a great deal of attention. With limited funds it is possible to only proceed very slowly. Keeping the cemeteries mowed accounts for a large share of the budget. Income from trust funds is not sufficient for this purpose as it provided only about 10% of this expense in 1998.

In 1998, another section of the Swiftwater Cemetery was worked on with stones being repaired and straightened as well as some ground leveling and seeding. The Town is indebted once again to the Historical Society for a donation of \$500 toward the cost of stone repair. Since it has been impossible to keep the rail fence in good repair, the section along Goose Lane has been replaced with stones which fit our natural landscape and will not require any maintenance or upkeep. In addition, a roadway has been completed which will make it possible to enter and exit the yard without having to back up or turn around.

There is some work that can be done by volunteers and a few people have expressed an interest in helping out. If you would like to lend a hand, please let us know. We will be recruiting for a work day or days some time next spring or summer.

HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT AID BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL HIGHWAYS

The following is a notice showing the amounts of State Highway Block Grant Aid that may be available to your town in 1999. The January and April payments are set amounts and should not change. The April payment is adjusted to reflect the actual State gas tax revenues and motor vehicle fees collected in fiscal year 1998. The July and October payments are based on estimated revenues and could possibly change.

State Highway Block Grant Aid available to Bath during calendar year 1999 is estimated as follows:

Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, provides Block Grant Aid payments for the maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of Class IV and V Highways.

January 1999 Payment	\$13,291.56
April 1999 Payment	10,817.94
July 1999 Payment	17,985.79
October 1999 Payment	<u>17,985.79</u>
Total	\$60,081.08

BATH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bath Fire Department, had 49 runs this year.

New Officer's for the year of 1999 are:

Donald Locke	Chief
Ronald Locke	Assistant Chief
Neil Chamberlain	Captain
Bill Ash	1st Lieutenant
	2nd Lieutenant
Debra Fournier (E.M.T.)	Firefighter
Russ Fournier	Firefighter
Bill Driscoll	Firefighter
Kimberly Fournier	Firefighter
Ed Gibson	Firefighter
Bill Ash	Fire/Police
Debra Fournier	Fire/Police

Once again the Turkey Supper was a huge success. Thanks to everyone that helped on it. Thanks to all the Retired Firefighters that helped and also the past Auxiliary Members.

Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey for their donation to paint the Fire Station, it was much appreciated by the Bath Fire Department and the Townspeople.

Special thanks to the Former Chief, Steve Driscoll, Lisa Driscoll-Rodiman, Mark Locke, who have just resigned.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE.

Thanks to Randall Burt for the Christmas wreaths.

We are looking for new members from the age of 18 and up. Contact any Bath Fire Department Member.

THANK YOU TOWNSPEOPLE OF BATH.

Bath Volunteer Fire Department Members

BATH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — 1998 CALLS

DATE	RESPONDED TO	TYPE OF INCIDENT
01/06/98	Wells River	Structure Fire, Hardin Res., Rte 302.
02/05/98	Bath	MVA, Vehicle into pole, Swiftwater Rd.
02/14/98	Bath	Fire Alarm Activation, McHugh Res., Pettyboro Rd.
02/16/98	Bath	Fire Alarm Activation, McHugh Res., Pettyboro Rd.
	Lisbon	Structure Fire, DCI, Main St., Fire in boiler room.
03/08/98	North Haverhill	Reported Chimney Fire, Boemig Res., Briar Hill Drive.
03/10/98	Bath	Possible Chimney Fire, Swiftwater General Store, Rte. 112.
03/11/98	Bath	Flooded Basement, Irene Cole Res., West Bath Rd.
	Bath	Flooded Basement, Irene Cole Res., West Bath Rd.
03/12/98	Bath	Pump flooded basement, Louise Cole Res., West Bath Rd.
03/18/98	Swiftwater	Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, Robin Lankiewicz Res., Cemetery Rd.
03/25/98	Bath	Chimney Fire, Rte. 112 next to the small engine shop.
03/27/98	Bath	MVA Rollover, Rte. 302 at Cate's Corner.
04/10/98	North Haverhill	Structure Fire, Ted's Excavating, Sanborn St.
	Woodsville	Reported Structure Fire, 2 Perkins Place, Fire in upstairs apt.
04/13/98	Bath	Brush Fire, Railroad St.
04/26/98	Bath	Forest Fire, Lang Rd., off West Bath Rd.
05/02/98	Lisbon	Structure Fire, Rte. 302 at the Lisbon/Littleton Line.
05/17/98	Bath	MVA, Vehicle over bank, Goose Lane.
05/19/98	Bath	Smoke in the area, Rte. 302 in the area of H.G. Wood.
	Bath	MVA, Car into tree, River Rd.
05/31/98	Bath	MVA NO PI, extensive damage, Rte. 302 between the Village and Upper Village.
06/04/98	Bath	Wires and tree down, Rte. 302 North of the Village.
06/16/98	Bath	MVA, Rte. 302 by the Plains Rd., Vehicle over bank.
06/21/98	Bath	MVA W/ PI, Car V. Deer, Rte. 302 about 1 mile from Rte. 10 intersection.
07/01/98	Bath	Manpower for pumping detail, meet at station.
07/08/98	Bath	MVA Rollover, Swiftwater Rd. by the Morse Res.
07/11/98	Bath	MVA, UNK PI, Rte. 302 by the Lang Res.
	Bath	MVA, Motorcycle W/PI, Rte. 112 area of The Fish & Game Club.
07/15/98	Bath	MVA, Truck on roof, on railroad bed under covered bridge.
07/20/98	Bath	Truck Fire, Tewksbury Res., Pettyboro Rd.
08/24/98	Bath	Tree on lines, Rte. 302, Upper Village.
08/27/98	Bath	MVA NO PI, Rte. 112, approx. 1 mile from Rte. 302.
09/04/98	Bath	MVA Rollover, NO PI, Rte. 302 by the Landaff town line.
09/14/98	Bath	MVA, Vehicle over bank, Plains Rd.
09/20/98	East Ryegate	Structure Fire, Tony Caccavaro Res., Little Ryegate.
09/26/98	Bath	MVA, UNK PI, West Bath Rd., Rollover into woods.
10/28/98	Bath	Transformer Fire, Rte. 112 by The Fish & Game Club.
11/07/98	Bath	MVA, UNK PI, area of Goose Lane and Swiftwater Rd.
11/09/98	Bath	MVA Rollover, UNK PI, Rte. 302 North of the Village.
11/21/98	Bath	Fire Alarm Activation, H.G. Wood, Rte. 302.
12/08/98	Bath	MVA, UNK PI, Car into the river, Rte. 112 at the "S" curves.
12/11/98	Bath	MVA, No one around vehicle, Goose Lane.
12/16/98	Bath	Chimney Fire, Ostopchuk Res., Rte. 302.
12/17/98	Bath	Tree on wires sparking, Lake Gardner Rd., in the area of Joy Res.
12/24/98	Bath	Fire Alarm Activation, Walter Young Res., Goose Lane.
12/29/98	Bath	MVA, UNK PI, Goose Lane, Car into tree.
12/30/98	Bath	MVA, W/PI, Rte. 135 North of the Woods Farm.
12/31/98	Lisbon	Structure Fire, DCI, Rte. 302.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests in New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local Fire Warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the state. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lightning	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Strafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
		Unknown	140
		Fireworks	6
		Arson/Suspicious	16
		Illegal	231
TOTAL FIRES	798	Rekindle	43
TOTAL ACRES	442.86	Disposal of Ashes	19

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

In the spring of 1998 we had two forest fires within a two day period. The first was at the Grote property. The second on the Poor property. The cost to the Town of Bath was \$3,403.17; of which half was reimbursed by the State Forestry.

There were a total of 237 fire permits issued in the Town this year. I am glad to report that by the townspeople getting permits, we only had two reports of smoke to chase down which ended up being permitted burns.

A reminder: Permits are required when there is no snow cover. Call if you are unsure. It could save you and the Town time and money if a fire gets out of control.

Fire permits are now available in the Selectman's Office during regular business hours and from Russ Fournier at other hours.

Please think fire safety.

Russ Fournier
Fire Warden, Bath, NH

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

This summers road projects were the total reconstruction of 1.2 miles of Goose Lane from Gary Peter's farm to the Bath-Haverhill town line. Culverts were changed, ditches dug out and rock lined, the asphalt was ground up and about 4000 yards of crushed gravel was added. In the area of Walter Young's and Tim Roy's, the hill was removed and the sag filled to eliminate a very dangerous blind spot. The entire 1.2 miles was then paved with hot top asphalt.

The common was also resurfaced with hot top asphalt. I think we all agree this was much needed.

Culverts were added on these roads; Goose Lane section and Mt. Gardner Road. Crushed gravel was added to the following roads; Goose Lane, Plain Road, Hill Road, Cross Road, West Bath Road, Smith Road, and River Road. The hill on Goose Lane commonly known as Bear Knoll was widened and lowered for better visibility.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during our summer road work and all the contractors for their services.

John Lees
Road Agent

PLANNING BOARD

The Bath Town Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Bath Selectmen's Office. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome your visits and comments.

During the 1998 monthly meetings four boundary line adjustments, two subdivisions and two gravel pit renewals were on the agenda for review and subsequent approval. With the revaluation of the Town the Planning Board responded to questions and clarification issues of existing properties. Discussions at monthly meetings involved building permits, existing subdivisions and corresponding regulations, relaxation requests for subdivision and covenant regulations, boundary line adjustments, and land use in the various districts with possible zoning ordinance amendments. Once again there was overall concern voiced throughout the year of building taking place within the Town without proper authorization or knowledge and not falling within the zoning and individual subdivision covenants. A look at the existing building permit and follow up of the building inspector were emphasized. In addition, existing violations of land use were a concern and the Selectboard were asked to follow up with letters. The recycling and trash removal issues for the Town commencing 1/1/99 were investigated and possibilities were opened with surrounding communities.

In keeping with our continuing education, Planning Board Members attended educational municipal law lectures relative to the duties and responsibilities of the Town Planning and Zoning Boards and how the new legislative laws passed would affect our Town in particular. We also completed and participated in several surveys and materials distributed by the NH Office of State Planning. The Bath Town Planning Board has representation on the local Swiftwater Bridge Committee and was successful in obtaining the final 80/20 financing available through your positive vote at the Town Meeting - thank you. The rehabilitation timetable is still on target for a late spring opening - watch for area celebrations with all our bridges and Town being duly recognized!

If you have a question about land use, town issues, etc., contact the Selectmen first and they will advise you as to which Board, if any, you need to contact. Feel free to drop in and if you would like to serve on this or any Town Board, let the Town Office know.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment acted on one item this year. The Board is always looking for new members. For those who are interested please contact me or the Selectmen. The ZBA's scheduled meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the 4-H Room of the Town Hall. It is best to notify the Selectmen's Office or myself to see if we are going to meet during the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Cope
Chairman

BATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Bath Conservation Commission was busy again this year with various projects. Most of our work involved helping the Commission and the community learn more about our natural resources.

This year the Commission launched a vernal pool inventory in Bath with a workshop for the Commission in March and a workshop in Lebanon in April and field session in Bath in May for the public. The Commission started field work by locating vernal pools and doing amphibian and reptile inventories in April. We will continue this effort in 1999.

The Commission provided Project WILD, Project Aquatic and Project HOME training for the staff at Bath Village School. These programs will allow the school students to plan for and manage wildlife habitat at the school and in the community. These efforts will continue into 1999.

The Commission made plans to participate in Old Home Days by sharing the water quality testing done on the Wild Ammonoosuc River in 1996 and 1997. They will provide an interactive display about what kind of water quality testing techniques were used and the results of the study.

The Commission participated in the Land and Heritage Conservation Project process. This is a statewide effort to appropriate a constant funding source to purchase conservation easements to protect conservation and historic areas. Judy was a member of the North Country Steering Committee to assist in this effort. The Commission monitored Ray Burton's easement with the LCIP.

Earth Day was coordinated successfully for the ninth year with many people participating to clean up the roads of Bath. Twin Rivers Recycling provided dumpsters for the trash and recyclables.

The Commission as usual commented on a variety of wetlands and forestry issues.

We look forward to a productive year and invite new members to join us.

Bruce Barnum

Harry Woods

Judy Tumosa

Woody Argereow

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BATH, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF FATHER & MOTHER'S SURNAME
January 10, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Melenie Faith Peters	F	Amy Joan Peters
April 3, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Derek Charles Maccini	M	Charles Dante Maccini Amber Lee Arnosky
May 22, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Scott Loren Greene, Jr	M	Scott Loren Greene Judy Anne Peters
August 12, 1998 Littleton, NH	Casey William Driscoll	M	Charles W. Jackman Lisa-Mae Driscoll-Rodimon
September 21, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Alyssa Beth Bach	F	Elizabeth Mary Peters
November 27, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Butch (Eric) Wayne Bedell	M	Jason Wayne Bedell Michelle Marie Dimick
November 27, 1998 St. Johnsbury, VT	Eric Michael Thornton	M	Douglas Thornton Dawn Marie Williams

Note: Many times these certificates do not arrive in time for current year's report.

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BATH, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF EACH	NAME, RESIDENCE & OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
March 7, 1998	Mark A. Locke Tanya J. Woods	Bath, NH Bath, NH	Arthur Bedard Justice Of Peace Pike, NH
May 5, 1998	Ronald L. Avery, Jr. Candy L. Gannon	Bath, NH Bath, NH	Gordon E. Haym Justice Of Peace Franconia, NH
May 16, 1998	Jeffrey G. Somers Kristin L. Morris	Bath, NH Bath, NH	Arthur F. Cheney Minister Bath, NH

June 6, 1998	Michael Robert Poor Amy Marie Patnoe	Bath, NH Bath, NH	Maurice Larochelle Pastor Lancaster, NH
July 9, 1998	Jason John Poirier Melissa Dawn Duval	Bath, NH Bath, NH	Richard L. Weinberg Justice Of Peace Woodsville, NH
July 10, 1998	James Edwin Seidel Carole Clarke Cochran	Bath, NH Annapolis, MD	Gary Lance Johnson Minister Holderness, NH
July 18, 1998	Michael David Lewis Sara Lynn Peters	Haverhill, NH Bath, NH	Arthur F. Cheney Minister Bath, NH
July 31, 1998	Marke Christian Englert Sheri Lynn Davis	Williamstown, VT Williamstown, VT	Arthur F. Cheney Minister Bath, NH
August 8, 1998	Ralph C. Avery Valerie S. Elliott	Bath, NH Bath, NH	Arthur F. Cheney Minister Bath, NH
August 8, 1998	Edson Wayne Blake III Marla Lorna Pasquerillo	Bath, NH Bath, NH	Barbara Dunn Dutile Justice Of Peace North Haverhill, NH
November 21, 1998	Peter D. Zambon II Rachel L. Rossi	Bath, NH Bath, NH	Barbara Dunn Dutile Justice Of Peace North Haverhill, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BATH, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH	NAME AND SURNAME OF DECEASED	AGE	SEX	NAME OF FATHER NAME OF MOTHER
January 1, 1998 Bath, NH	Sarah Kate Johnson-Wiles	47	F	Everett Johnson Naomi Mullins
January 14, 1998 Lebanon, NH	Alberta Bell Blandin	86	F	
January 25, 1998 St. Johnsbury, VT	Annie M. Fillian	93	F	
April 12, 1998 Leesburg, VA	Margaret Lois Armstrong	81	F	Alwin H. Harper Mabel Laverne

May 2, 1998 Hartford, CT	Ernest J. Dargie		M	
May 15, 1998 Leesburg, FL	Natalie Clough		F	
July 21, 1998 Woodsville, NH	Margaret F. Lamarre	89	F	George L. Powers Gertrude Hastings
August 4, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Elizabeth H. Peters	84	F	Alfred Houston Florence Johnson
August 11, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Jonas Minot	91	M	Jonas Minot Sybil Buck
September 2, 1998 Barre, VT	Theresa A. Masi	69	F	
September 21, 1998 Punta Gorda, FL	Marie E. Dupuis		F	
October 19, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Katherine Tyler	80	F	
October 20, 1998 Manchester, NH	Grace Dupuis	72	F	Alfred Dupuis Laura Chamberland
October 23, 1998 Hartford, VT	Dexter Albee Campbell	80	M	Colburn J. Campbell Cora B. Albee
November 4, 1998 Salem, NH	E. Donald Dufresne	64	M	
November 22, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Eva Wheeler Woods	85	F	Ira Wheeler Nancy Blair
December 18, 1998 Haverhill, NH	Waldo V. Peters	86	M	

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL BOARD
of the
BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 1997
to
June 30, 1998

BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Ben Harrington, CHAIR	Term Expires 1999
Judy Tumosa	Term Expires 2000
Mike Halsey	Term Expires 2001

MODERATOR

Ernest Roy

CLERK

Joy Harden

TRUANT OFFICER

Arthur Joy

SCHOOL NURSE

Stephanie Rowe, R.N.

TREASURER

Harry Lindemann

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Linda J. Nelson

1997 - 98 TEACHERS

David Ross	Principal
Louise Roy	Kindergarten
Regina Boucher	Grade 1
Ann Fabrizio	Grade 2
Melinda Blaisdell	Grade 3
Louise Roy	Grade 4
Sharon Timmons	Grade 5
Betty Houde	Grades 6
Karoline Boddington	Special Edu.
Kim LaPierre (WHS)	Nurse
Paula Poirier	Art
Jacqueline Hamel	Secretary
Joseph Bailey	Guidance
Wilma Leidberg	Librarian

SCHOOL NURSE

Melissa Gould

CUSTODIAN

Robert Dean

LUNCH PROGRAM

Rebecca Roy
Jody Youngman

**BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Bath in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bath Village School in said district on the 11th day of March, 1999, polls to be open for the election of District Officers at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and to close not earlier than 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Action on all remaining articles to commence at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

- ARTICLE 1: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 4: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, one School Board Member; one for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 5: To hear reports of the School Board, Superintendent, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars (\$2,847.00), said funds to come from unanticipated Foundation Aid revenues for the purposes of reducing the 1998-99 general fund deficit due to tuition obligations. (The Bath School Board recommends this Article.)
- ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. This Article is exclusive of any other Article on the Warrant. (The School Board recommends \$1,381,219.00)
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bath this ____ day of February, 1999.

Ben Harrington, Chairperson

Judy Tumosa

Mike Halsey

RESULTS OF THE MARCH 12, 1998 BATH SCHOOL WARRANT

School District Moderator Ernest Roy called the annual meeting of the Bath School District to order at 2:40 o'clock in the afternoon on the 12th day of March 1998. The Moderator read the Warrant and checked the official ballot box, declaring it empty. The polls were declared open as called for in Articles 1-4, and action on remaining articles was postponed until 7:30 p.m. Supervisors of the checklist present were Velma Ide and Linda Elliot. There were no absentee ballots to process.

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening, Moderator Ernest Roy called the meeting to order for discussion of Articles 5-7. The polls were closed until the conclusion of the general meeting, then reopened at the conclusion of the discussions to all present a chance to cast their ballots.

ARTICLE 1: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Election results: Ernest Roy, 32 votes; Tom Rappa, 8 votes; Alden Minot, 3 votes; Bryan Lang, 1 vote.

ARTICLE 2: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

Election results: Joy Leland Harden, 87 votes; Jackie Hamel, 1 vote; June Wyman, 1 vote.

ARTICLE 3: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Election results: Harry Lindemann, Jr., 90 votes.

ARTICLE 4: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, two School Board Members; one for a term of three years and one for a term of two years.

Election results, THREE YEAR TERM: Mike Halsey, 71 votes; Bryan Lang, 2 votes.

Election results, TWO YEAR TERM: Judy Tumosa, 85 votes; Bryan Lang, 2 votes.

ARTICLE 5: To hear reports of the School Board, Superintendent, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Alan Rutherford moved to accept the reports as

written in the bulletin. Motion seconded by Bob Dean and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. The Article is exclusive of any other Article on the Warrant. (The School Board recommends \$1,270,743.00).

Ben Harrington moved to accept the sum of \$1,270,743.00.

Motion seconded by Brian Lang.

Discussion on Article 6 involved questions relating to the effect of the withdrawal of Monroe from the SAU, as well as a request that a copy of the SAU budget be made part of the Bath School District Annual Report.

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. No discussion.

A motion to close the polls was made by Velma Ide, seconded by Karen Harrington, and passed by a unanimous voice vote at 7:43

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Harrington, seconded by Harry Lindemann, and passed by a unanimous voice vote at 8:27

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Leland Harden
School District Clerk

BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUE

Fund 1 General Fund		ACTUAL	BUDGETED	PROJECTED	
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	+/-
Beginning fund balance		26,600	58,145	-	(58,145)
<u>Revenue from Local Sources</u>					
1121	Current Appropriation	1,043,440	1,076,214	1,221,952	145,738
1312	Tuition from other LEA's in	7,906	4,700	-	(4,700)
1510	Interest on Investments	1,028	1,000	1,000	0
1990	Other Misc. Revenues	2,869	50	50	0
Total Revenue from Local Sources		1,055,243	1,081,964	1,223,002	141,038
<u>Revenue from State Sources</u>					
3110	Foundation Aid	84,971	52,693	61,059	8,366
3210	School Building Aid	11,313	11,313	12,813	1,500
3221	Vocational Education Tuitio	7,745	11,400	14,250	2,850
3222	Vocational Transportation	1,197	1,904	1,904	0
3240	Catastrophic Aid	20,507	18,540	28,594	10,054
3900	Kindergarten Revenue	8,250	5,250	5,250	0
Total State Revenue		133,983	101,100	123,870	22,770
<u>Revenue from Federal Sources</u>					
4810	National Forest Reserve	194	50	194	144
4920	Medicaid	17,306	12,484	17,153	4,669
Total Federal Revenue		17,500	12,534	17,347	4,813
TOTAL REVENUE FUND 1		1,206,726	1,195,598	1,364,219	168,621
Fund 4					
1610	Food Service Sales	10,824	8,500	8,500	0
3270	State Reimbursement	668	500	500	0
4460	Federal Reimbursement	8,201	8,000	8,000	0
5210	Transfer from General Fun	9,074	-	-	0
TOTAL REVENUE FUND 4		28,767	17,000	17,000	0
TOTAL BUDGET		1,262,093	1,270,743	1,381,219	110,476

School Tax Impact				
Actual	1995	36.46	29,920	=\$1.00
Actual	1996	34.39	30,626	=\$1.00
Actual	1997	34.80	29,713	=\$1.00
Actual	1998	20.41	52,284	=\$1.00
Budget	1999	23.37	52,284	=\$1.00

BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET SUMMARY

A.	Instruction	Expenses	Approved	Proposed	Difference
		1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Budget 1999-2000	
	1100 Regular Programs	768,564.75	761,009.00	785,248.00	24,239.00
	1270 Gifted and Talented	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
	1300 Vocational Education	15,200.00	15,200.00	20,000.00	4,800.00
	2120 Guidance Services	4,881.83	5,516.00	12,607.00	7,091.00
	2125 Testing	369.51	300.00	400.00	100.00
	2190 Assemblies	607.00	1,250.00	1,350.00	100.00
	2212 Curriculum Development/Inst.	150.00	50.00	400.00	350.00
	2213 Inst. Staff Training	295.00	1,875.00	2,000.00	125.00
	2221 Ed. Media Supervision	2,152.90	2,540.00	2,550.00	10.00
	2222 School Library	489.46	1,075.00	3,175.00	2,100.00
	2223 Audiovisual	65.46	320.00	370.00	50.00
	TOTAL INSTRUCTION	792,775.91	789,935.00	828,900.00	38,965.00

B.	Special Education				
	1200 Special Programs	115,579.22	130,087.00	172,274.00	42,187.00
	1420 Summer School	5,144.53	11,695.00	8,402.00	(3,293.00)
	2140 Psychological Services	0.00		0.00	-
	2150 Speech and Audiology	14,366.00	15,119.00	14,515.00	(604.00)
	2159 Speech - Summer School	155.72	180.00	1,170.00	990.00
	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	135,245.47	157,081.00	196,361.00	39,280.00

C.	SAU Services				
	2321 Office of the Superintendent	34,435.00	36,855.00	48,438.00	11,583.00
	TOTAL SAU SERVICES	34,435.00	36,855.00	48,438.00	11,583.00

D.	Administration				
	2410 Office of the Principal	42,271.73	43,627.00	55,079.00	11,452.00

E. Operation of Buildings

2542	Buildings	48,580.95	48,315.00	49,378.00	1,063.00
2543	Grounds	135.00	800.00	800.00	-
2544	Equipment	2,250.71	3,638.00	3,600.00	(38.00)
TOTAL OPERATION OF BUILDINGS		50,966.66	52,753.00	53,778.00	1,025.00

F. Transportation

2552	To and From School	59,857.80	60,618.00	61,700.00	1,082.00
2553	Handicapped	5,476.00	5,220.00	6,228.00	1,008.00
2554	Field Trips	80.00	200.00	200.00	-
2558	Summer School Handicapped	438.22	500.00	286.00	(214.00)
2559	Vocational Transportation	1,904.00		0.00	-
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION		67,756.02	66,538.00	68,414.00	1,876.00

G. 5100 Debt Service

		81,599.39	79,202.00	81,558.00	2,356.00
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H. 2560 Food Service

		29,347.18	29,884.00	32,730.00	2,846.00
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I. School Board

2311	School Board	4,497.75	4,486.00	4,612.00	126.00
2312	Clerk of the Board	105.00	327.00	350.00	23.00
2313	Treasurer	950.44	1,303.00	1,255.00	(48.00)
2314	Election and District Meeting	62.77	597.00	270.00	(327.00)
2315	Legal Services	148.50	200.00	200.00	-
2317	Audit	2,100.00	2,050.00	2,100.00	50.00
2318	Negotiations	0.00	300.00	300.00	-
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD		7,864.46	9,263.00	9,087.00	(176.00)

J. District Wide Services

2130	Health	4,259.94	5,603.00	6,873.00	1,270.00
TOTAL DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES		4,259.94	5,603.00	6,873.00	1,270.00

Expenses <u>1997-98</u>	Approved Budget <u>1998-99</u>	Proposed Budget <u>1999-2000</u>	<u>Difference</u>
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K. Federal Projects
Fund 2
2223 Audiovisual

(1.00)

0.00

1.00

L. Other District Wide Services
5240 Transfer to School Lunch
TOTAL OTHER DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES

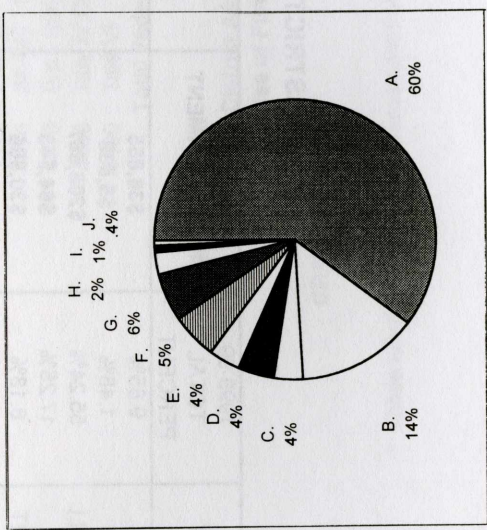
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GRAND TOTAL

110,476

1,381,219

1,270,743



1999-2000 EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION

A.	\$828,900	Instruction
B.	\$196,361	Special Ed.
C.	\$48,438	SAU Services
D.	\$55,079	Administration
E.	\$53,778	Operation of Bldgs.
F.	\$68,414	Transportation
G.	\$81,558	Debt Service
H.	\$32,730	Food Service
I.	\$9,087	School Board
J.	\$6,873	Other District Wide Services
K.	\$0	Federal Projects
L.	\$1	Other District Wide Services
	\$1,381,219	TOTAL BUDGET

SAU #23 DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS

DISTRICT	1998-99 TOTAL PERCENT	1998-99 APPORTIONMENT	1999-2000 TOTAL PERCENT	1999-2000 APPORTIONMENT	1998-99/1999-00 DIFFERENCE
BATH	9.85%	\$36,855	13.47%	\$48,437	\$11,582
BENTON	1.48%	\$5,538	1.91%	\$6,868	\$1,330
HAVERHILL	55.24%	\$206,687	64.25%	\$231,040	\$24,353
MONROE	17.25%	\$64,543	0.00%	\$0	(\$64,543)
PIERMONT	8.18%	\$30,606	10.58%	\$38,027	\$7,421
WARREN	8.00%	\$29,933	9.80%	\$35,222	\$5,289
TOTAL	100.00%	\$374,160	100.00%	\$359,595	(\$14,565)

SAU #23 ASSESSMENT HISTORY

YEAR	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
TOTAL	\$708,532	\$583,496	\$371,719	\$390,882	\$392,644	\$374,160	\$359,594

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 PROJECTED REVENUES

Local Revenue		1999-2000
1336	Tuition - French Pond	\$130,329
1337	Tuition -French Pond Summer School	\$6,373
1942	Itinerants	\$58,342
1510	Interest	\$5,000 *
1947	Speech/ Language	\$92,713
5220	Transfer from Federal Projects	<u>\$13,700</u> *
	Total Revenue Fund I	\$306,457
Revenue from Federal and State Sources		
4410	Title I	\$328,116
4410	Title II	\$15,048
4470	94-142 Psychologist	\$86,000
4470	Pre - School	\$5,774
4480	Title IV Drug/Alcohol	\$7,566
4490	Title VI	<u>\$14,292</u>
	Total Federal and State Revenues	\$456,796
TOTAL REVENUE		
	District Assessment	\$763,253
	Use of Fund Balance	\$359,595
		<u>\$25,000</u> *
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,147,848

* These amounts reduce the assessment from \$403,295 shown in budget

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 1999-2000 BUDGET

	1997-98 EXPENDITURES	1998-99 BUDGET	1999-2000 BUDGET	1999-2000 ASSESSMENT	DIFFERENCE
FUND 1 GENERAL FUND					
1100 Regular Programs	\$78,325	\$83,554	\$58,342	\$0	(\$25,212)
1230 French Pond	\$117,705	\$121,290	\$125,654	\$0	\$4,364
1425 FPS Summer School	\$4,547	\$6,085	\$6,073	\$0	(\$12)
2140 Psychological Services	\$1,065	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	(\$5,000)
2150 Speech and Audiology	\$64,581	\$69,544	\$90,194	\$0	\$20,650
2159 Speech - Summer School	\$2,279	\$2,524	\$2,519	\$0	(\$5)
2212 Curriculum Development	\$145	\$1,450	\$0	\$0	(\$1,450)
2213 Instructional Staff Training	\$1,584	\$3,150	\$2,000	\$2,000	(\$1,150)
2311 School Board	\$404	\$1,295	\$1,492	\$1,492	\$197
2313 SAU Treasurer	\$2,166	\$2,458	\$2,454	\$2,454	(\$4)
2315 Legal	\$365	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
2317 Audit	\$9,646	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
2321 Office of the Superintendent	\$276,030	\$277,495	\$295,557	\$295,557	\$18,062
2330 Special Educ. Admin. Services	\$73,178	\$74,811	\$68,292	\$68,292	(\$6,519)
2542 Operation of Buildings	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
2544 Care and Upkeep Equipment	\$9,656	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0
2557 FPS Transportation	\$4,338	\$4,925	\$4,675	\$0	(\$250)
2558 FPSS Transportation	\$119	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$666,133	\$687,381	\$691,052	\$403,295	\$3,671
FUND 2 FEDERAL/STATE PROGRAMS					
Title 1 Programs	\$338,677	\$338,116	\$328,116		(\$10,000)
Title 2 Eisenhower Funds	\$22,245	\$23,335	\$15,048		(\$8,287)
Title 6 Innovative Education	\$16,318	\$15,685	\$14,292		(\$1,393)
Title 4 Safe & Drug Free Scho	\$8,353	\$8,209	\$7,566		(\$643)
Governor's Grants	\$33,000	\$0	\$0		\$0
IDEA SPED Funds	\$98,315	\$99,774	\$91,774		(\$8,000)
	\$516,908	\$485,119	\$456,796	\$0	(\$28,323)
FUND 2 TOTAL					
SAU BUDGET TOTAL	\$1,183,041	\$1,172,500	\$1,147,848	\$403,295	(\$24,652)

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF BATH, I SUBMIT MY FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

SAU 23 has had a welcome year of stability and emphasis on programs. Wayne Fortier resumed the Chair of the SAU 23 Board, taking over from Denis Ward of Monroe who ended his School Board service to Monroe in March, 1998. Sarah Lester of Warren was elected Vice Chair. The SAU 23 Board Members of Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Piermont and Warren worked diligently to plan for the exit of Monroe in July, 1999. While it was inevitable that the remaining districts would have to assume a higher SAU Assessment without Monroe, the Board was able to contain SAU core costs, as displayed in the SAU Assessment History chart that follows.

Some of the best news of this year has been the stabilizing of SAU Finance Office operations. The SAU 23 Board entered a contract with TRACE Educational Consultants in Lebanon for the services of a Business Administrator for 60 days during the year. Arne Amalixsen, the TRACE Business Administrator, has worked closely with the Finance Office Staff led by Pat Amsden, our Accounts Manager, with help from Jean Sutherland, Payroll/Personnel, and Connie Verratti, Accounts Payable. This configuration has worked extremely well, with District and SAU financial records receiving high marks from our auditors as being in the best shape ever - a welcome message.

The Special Needs Office is experiencing a smooth year under the leadership of Michael Penkert, Director of Instructional Support Services, and Sandee Rutherford, the Assistant Director. The skills these two bring to the Special Needs Program and to other student support issues can be measured by the success of those programs over the past year. SAU 23 received the final report from a New Hampshire Department of Education (NH DOE) IDEA Review Team on each district's special education program. Schools were praised for their efficacy in providing special programs for our students. We thank David James, Monroe Principal, for skillfully Chairing the SAU 23 IDEA Assessment Committee, which included representatives from all SAU 23 schools as well as consultants from SERESC and the NH DOE.

The SAU 23 Board entered a five year lease agreement with the Town of Haverhill for offices in the renovated "original classrooms" section of the Town Offices. Construction, funded by a Community Development Block Grant, is scheduled to be completed by the spring or summer, 1999.

In Bath, Ben Harrington remained Chair of the School Board. Michael Halsey was elected to fill the position of Bryan Lang. Ben, Michael and Judy Tumosa have worked diligently this year to monitor the academic program in the school and support a small

increase in teacher health benefits to bring the faculty more in line with benefits offered teachers in the region and state. Bath teachers and the School Board continue to work cooperatively, without NEA intervention in negotiating salary and benefit plans.

The rest of this report will review the schools' work in the context of our six goals, edited somewhat from last year, but essentially the same. Our Mission Statement is: All students will receive high quality academic instruction in positive, safe schools that promote inquiry and appreciation for life long learning. Our graduates will have the knowledge and skills needed to participate fully and productively in a democratic, technologically advanced society. We have made progress toward our goals in the past year.

1. Promote readiness for learning. Bath pre-schoolers continue to enroll in the White House, SAU 23' pre-school program housed at Woodsville Elementary School. Deb Smith, a special educator at Woodsville Elementary School with previous background in early childhood education, has become the White House educator in charge. For kindergartners in the Bath School, the Board increased slightly the length of the school day to increase learning time for them.

The Haverhill Community Resources, Inc., headed by Sue Greenwood, will continue to sponsor the Success by Six programs for Bath and other Haverhill area families, including Family Night Out, which helps to link families to existing services in the area. A May, 1999 Family Night Out will be co-sponsored by HCR and SAU 23 at Woodsville Elementary School.

2. Empower students to be successful learners. This goal is the heart of our academic program. We are committed to the goal that all students will be performing at or above grade level in reading and mathematics problem-solving by third grade. It is essential that we meet this goal, because we know that the foundation for future success in school is set by third grade. Obviously, some students with particular learning problems may not meet this standard. However, we shall be able to tell the parent what particular learning circumstance has hindered progress, if a child does not meet the goal.

To help us measure and monitor this goal, SAU 23 has hired a Reading, Assessment and Curriculum Specialist through Title One funding for the 1999-2000 year. Dr. Jacqueline Verville, currently on staff in Monroe, will join SAU 23 next year to help us meet our early learning goals. She has proven to be an excellent resource for teachers and parents in measuring learning progress. Bath Village School, along with the other SAU 23 schools, will have access to her expertise as we work to track student progress in reading and math.

America Reads, a volunteer program sponsored by the Grafton

County Senior Citizens Council and spearheaded by Edith Celley, has provided a Senior Volunteer for Bath this year. Directed locally by Margaret Fallon, America Reads is a supplemental reading program aimed at expanding our capacity to help students stay on track in reading. We thank Edith for her tenacity in pursuing funding for this initiative.

On the state testing front, we continue to learn about how best to use the information from the NH Assessments. The information we receive allows us to monitor how our curriculum and instruction measure up to state standards. State-wide, scores were lower this year. Bath Village School holds its own on these state tests, with most scores approximating state averages in several areas. We are learning better ways to disaggregate the test data by student, grade and item on the test. This helps us determine gaps in our curriculum or where our instructional approaches differ from tested items. We continue to talk with the School Board, teacher and parents about how the NH Assessments (designed as criterion referenced tests) differ from norm-referenced standardized tests like the Iowa Test for Basic Skills (ITBS) or the California Achievement Test (CAT). While I won't go into a discussion of the differences here, I do need to report they are very different kinds of tests. Both are useful in tracking progress, but it's important to know how they differ and when to use one or the other.

Libby Pollett, our math consultant from Kentucky, has spent two weeks in SAU 23, spending time in BVS as well as offering math seminars which BVS teachers attend. Teachers continue to participate in Literacy Learning workshops and other professional develop aimed at strengthening our academic programs.

The work of SAU 23's Curriculum Advisory Committee continues with Nancy Sandell of Piermont Village School as Chair and Bath School representative Sharon Timmons. We have reviewed the core curriculum documents in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies and plan a revision of these documents over the spring and summer. The Technology Framework and the Art Framework were adopted by the SAU Board. A Career Preparation Framework will be folded into those four core Frameworks to ensure that students receive appropriate career preparation during the course of their studies.

SAU 23's partnership with local businesses through HABIR, the Haverhill Area Business and Industry Roundtable, promises to introduce new career learning experiences for students into our curriculum. We are meeting monthly with local business leaders, including at least two Bath members, Bernie Prochnik and Ben Harrington, and students to develop positive ways to prepare students for employment. One of our system objectives will be to ensure that all students have appropriate career learning opportunities, including job shadowing experiences when possible.

Technology: Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Glen Page, Woodsville High School's Computer Instructor, Sau 23 schools are moving ahead technologically. Bath is a member of the Haverhill Consortium, which received a grant for \$149,220 in February, 1999. This will allow Bath faculty to participate in summer Computer Camps in Haverhill to expand their understanding of how to use computers for instructional purposes. The school will also receive four computers through the grant which will move the school much closer to implementing the BVS Technology Plan, designed to put two-three computers in each classroom and network them to INTERNET. Teachers also plan school-based professional development using local consultants to continue technology learning.

3. Create safe, positive learning environments. Work with Mike Mezzocchi continued this year, and Bath teachers and Principal report that the school's behavior management plan developed over the past year seems to be working well. A Student Aspirations Survey was conducted in Bath, using the model from the National Center for Student Aspirations. Data from this survey is used to shape program planning discussions.

The Board and Principal have maintained their plan to complete building improvements over the summer break, completing painting and repair projects. This preventative maintenance has kept the building in top shape and helps to avoid major physical plant problems.

4. Ensure professionalism in all employees. Teacher participation in professional development activities like Literacy Learning, the Christa MacAuliff Conference, and the Mathematics Seminars remains high. David Ross, the Principal, completed a course in teacher supervision offered by Research for Better Teaching along with the Haverhill administrative team. In a January, 1999 professional development activity, the Bath and Haverhill administrators and teachers trained by RBT presented the teaching model and introduction to RBT's components of teaching to Bath's professional and support staff. We hope to be able to offer a course by RBT in SAU 23 during the summer of 1999. This will provide teachers and administrators local access to this new model of teacher supervision.

5. Inform the community of our work. We continue publication of the Superintendent's SAU 23 NOTES monthly as a way of letting the public know about issues and activities that happen over the course of the year. I am very pleased with the comments I have received from Bath parents, indicating that people do read the NOTES. I am also receiving more e-mail from community members with ideas or questions. (Contact the Superintendent at ljnelson@together.net.)

A plan for helping the public learn about school issues will be piloted in Haverhill in the Spring, 1999, with hopes that it will expand to Bath and other SAU 23 schools next year. We plan to hold a morning "Breakfast with the Principal" as an informal gathering to provide community members a chance to chat with the Principal about the school. This continues our efforts to improve communication between the schools and the community.

6. Develop fiscally responsible budgets. Bath's budget that follows reflects the School Board's effort to support a strong academic program while being sensitive to the need to hold education costs to an affordable level for taxpayers. The academic program remains relatively level-funded, with slight increases in faculty benefits as the only new addition.

Balancing educational program needs and taxpayer concerns about spending growth is a difficult task, at best. The School Board understands these competing priorities and keeps them in the forefront of decision making. Bath Village School and students continue to benefit from the School Board's fair, informed, supportive leadership. In this era of funding uncertainty in New Hampshire, it is re-assuring to live in a community like Bath, that works cooperatively and thoughtfully to support students and families. Whatever the state funding decisions, this community has proven that local problems can and will be solved locally.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Nelson
Superintendent

BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT POPULATION 1998-99

(as of 1-9-98)

STUDENTS AT BATH VILLAGE SCHOOL

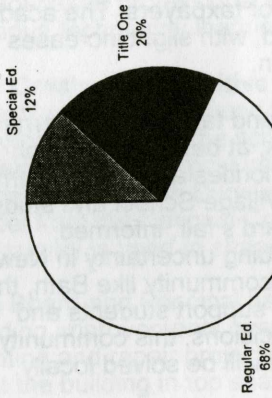
Special Ed.

Title One

Regular Ed.

TOTAL STUDENTS

10
17
56
83



STAFF POPULATION 1998-99

(Administrators and SAU support services not included)

Instructional Assistants 33%

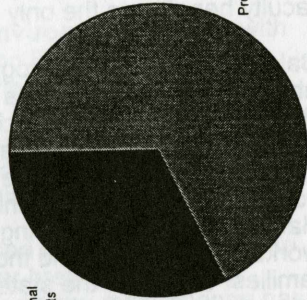
Professional Staff 67%

BATH

Professional Staff
Instructional Assistant

FTE

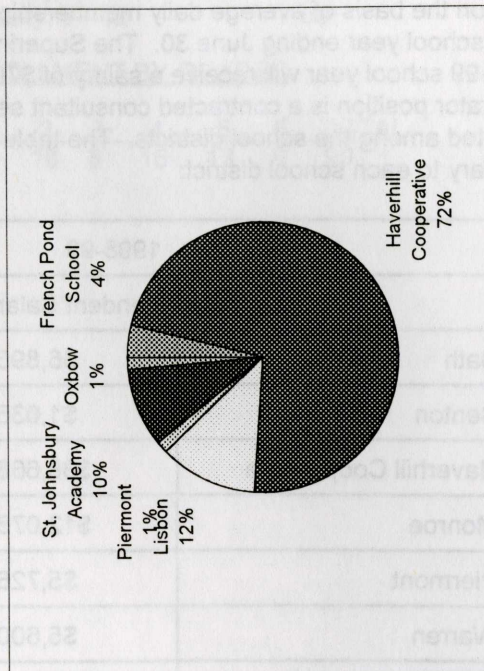
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BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 1998-1999

STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

(as of 1-31-99)	
French Pond School	3
Haverhill Cooperative	61
Lisbon	10
Piermont	1
St. Johnsbury Academy	8
Oxbow	1
TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS	81



School Administrative Unit #23

Report of the Superintendent's and Business Administrator's Salaries

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the Superintendent and Business Administrator.

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses is prorated among the school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23 during the 1998-99 school year will receive a salary of \$70,000. The Business Administrator position is a contracted consultant service for \$18,000. Both are prorated among the school districts. The table below shows the proration of the salary to each school district:

1998-99		
Superintendent Salary		
Bath	\$6,895	9.85%
Benton	\$1,036	1.48%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$38,668	55.24%
Monroe	\$12,075	17.25%
Piermont	\$5,726	8.18%
Warren	\$5,600	8.00%
TOTAL	\$70,000	
Business Administrator Contracted Consultant		
Bath	\$1,773	9.85%
Benton	\$ 266	1.48%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$9,943	55.24%
Monroe	\$3,105	17.25%
Piermont	\$1,473	8.18%
Warren	\$1,440	8.00%
TOTAL	\$18,000	

Superintendent's Enrollment Report 1997 - 1998

Number of Pupils registered during the year	93
Average Daily Membership	80.1
Percentage of Attendance	96%

Pupils whose tuition was paid by the district:

Elementary, K - 8	27
Secondary, 9 - 12	52

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

<u>Grade</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	12	14	18	8	16	13	9	90

Bath Village School Annual Principal's Report 1997 -1998

This year was the final one at our school for a teacher who served the children of Bath for more than ten years. Ann Fabrizio retired in June, leaving a void not only in the lives of the children she taught, but in those of her colleagues. She will be missed. We wish her a long, healthy, and fruitful retirement.

Again our students learned much on field trips. Classes went on annual ones to The Rocks Estate Tree Farm in Bethlehem. The Fish Hatchery in Warren, The Conklin Farm, and The Science Center in Holderness. In addition, the Fifth and Sixth Graders went on a moonlight snowshoe hike in The National Forest in Lincoln to learn about the nocturnal habits of wildlife, the Fourth Graders went to Heritage-New Hampshire in Jackson, and the Fifth and Sixth Graders went to Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth when the whale watch was canceled because of high winds and seas.

The children at BVS love music. We continually try to reward this with our assembly program. This year we had a concert in December by the professionals at New England Music, we went to HCMS to see "Up With People," and had the United States Air Force Band of Liberty Brass Ensemble perform here in April.

Your faculty at BVS is continually trying to keep current in all phases of education. During this school year, they attended workshops and seminars in Behavior Management, NASA, hands-on mathematics instruction, technology, N.H. State assessments, Violence in the Schools, and Character and Citizenship. The entire faculty participated in a week-long workshop, entitled "Literacy in the Classroom," in August; and also, in three six-hour workshops presented by the U.N.H. Cooperative Extension Service, entitled "Wet," "Wild," and "Home." These helped us integrate environmental studies into our curriculum. School Board member, Judy Tumosa, was a facilitator for these.

We had Open Houses, Young Writers' Nights, our Christmas and Spring Concerts, and our Seasonal Festivals. This year we added Math Night. Students and parents worked together to play math games and solve puzzles. All activities were led by students. These were well-attended.

Bath Village School does its share of community service. At Christmas time, we send our K-3 students to the Grafton County Home to sing for the Senior Citizens. Also, at Christmas, we collect toys for the needy in town. We usually fill at least two large boxes. Food is donated at Thanksgiving to be distributed to the less fortunate. Over 75 items were donated.

Basketball continued to be popular with the students. This year's teams were ably coached by Tom Rappa, with assistance by Tim Roy. Dianne Rappa did all the officiating. The students learned much while having fun.

Thanks to the aboved-named parents for their donation of time and effort.

Our Third Graders scored at state average on the N.H. State Assessments in Mathematics and Language Arts. Our Sixth Graders scored slightly below state average. Grades 2, 4, and 5 took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Grade Two was about average, and Grade Five was well above average.

We participated in two activities sponsored by the Manchester Union Leader. Mr. Ross's math class tried their hand in the Stock Market Game. Grades Five and Six took part in the Spelling Bee. Caitlin Kenney was our representative in Littleton.

Schools cannot run without volunteer help. We depend on parents to drive for class field trips, to come in to help with activities and parties in the classrooms, to help with the Campbell's Labels for Education program, and to chaperone on ski days. We, at BVS, are fortunate to have a nucleus of parents to call upon. There are far too many to name them all. I am going to single out two, however. Trish Halsey coordinates our fund-raiser, runs our ski program, makes the ice for our skating rink, and drives for many field trips. If we paid her by the hour, we could not afford her. Shirley Peters no longer has children or grandchildren attending BVS. Yet, she still comes in every Thursday morning to read to children, to listen to children read, or run things off on the copier for teachers. For the students and staff, I offer the biggest **THANK YOU** possible to these two ladies and all who volunteer their time and effort to make some things possible that otherwise would be impossible.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Ross, Principal
Bath Village School

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Rowe, R.N.
School Nurse, BVS

HONOR ROLL
SHANNYN LUSBY
SCOTT MOORE
CAITLIN VOGT
JAMIE WINGET

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
CODY WYMAN - GRADE TWO

**BATH VILLAGE SCHOOL
HONOR ROLL
YEAR END AVERAGE, 1998**

**GRADE FOUR
HIGH HONORS**

CRAIG RAPPA
BENJAMIN RODIMAN

HONOR ROLL

JUSTIN BARNUM
BRANDEN BECKLY
TIMOTHY ROY
WENDY THURSTON

**GRADE FIVE
HIGH HONORS**

MOLLY ROY

HONOR ROLL

KERRY DICKENSON
MICHAEL HARRINGTON
CAITLIN KENNEY
DANIELLE MORRIS
NICOLE PRYOR
JOHN REYNOLDS
JAIDA STAHLECKER

**GRADE SIX
HIGH HONORS**

JESSICA BELYEA
CHRISTOPHER RAPPA

HONOR ROLL

SHANNYN LUSBY
SCOTT MOODIE
CAITLIN VOGT
JAMIE WINGET

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

CODY WYMAN - GRADE TWO

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE SCHOOL YEAR 1997-1998

Dear Members of the Bath Community:

My first year as the School Nurse at Bath Village School was a busy one. I assumed this position at the beginning of the 1997-1998 school year, after Melissa Gould, R.N., accepted a position as the School Nurse at Woodsville Elementary School.

My primary duties included screening vision and hearing, screening for scoliosis, assessing heights and weights, insuring all immunizations are up to date, and obtaining doctor's orders for and administering medications. A lot of time is also spent in communication with parents/guardians about specific health needs of their children which may include injuries sustained at school, failed screenings, and chronic health conditions. I advise and assist parents in addressing those needs and obtaining further appropriate follow-up when necessary.

Since school nurses in this district are all employed by Cottage Hospital, we had monthly staff meetings, during which health issues affecting all students were addressed. New health policies were created and old ones revised which insure that the general health and safety needs of all students are maximized to the fullest extent possible.

Growth and development classes were taught to the Fifth and Sixth Graders. We also hosted an excellent speaker from the Support Center Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault who instructed Fifth and Sixth Graders on guidelines for appropriate social behaviors, including sexual harassment. This organization and the Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc., offer many excellent health education services which we hope we can take advantage of in the future.

As school nursing issues and concerns evolve I will keep you informed. Please feel free to share your concerns with school. Thanks for your continued cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Rowe, R.N.
School Nurse, BVS

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year
July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

SUMMARY

CASH ON HAND JULY 1, 1998:	\$ 7,910.76
ADD: 97-98 RECEIPTS:	<u>\$1,311,256.74</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$1,319,167.50
LESS: 97-98 SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID: (<u>\$1,306,584.30</u>)	
BALANCE ON HAND	<u>\$ 12,583.20</u>

June 30, 1998

Harry Lindemann
District Treasurer

Audit Report

The Bath School District has been audited by the firm Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association. Copies of the audit are available for public review at the Superintendent's Office on South Court St. in Woodsville, NH.

BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1997-98	35,000	46,649	81,649
1998-99	35,000	44,202	79,202
1999-00	40,000	41,558	81,558
2000-01	45,000	38,522	83,552
2001-02	45,000	35,267	80,267
2002-03	50,000	31,780	81,780
2003-04	50,000	28,064	78,064
2004-05	55,000	24,114	79,114
2005-06	65,000	19,544	85,544
2006-07	65,000	14,544	79,544
2007-08	70,000	9,315	79,315
2008-09	85,000	3,299	88,298

BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT

EMPLOYEE

SALARIES for 1997-98

Bailey, Joseph	4,533.03
Blaisdell, Melinda	25,932.00
Bloom, George	50.00
Boddington, Karoline	14,081.00
Boucher, Regina	33,282.00
Bretches, Jennifer	100.00
Cardin, Emma	100.00
Daniels, Mary	50.00
Dean, Robert	16,376.00
Driscoll, Stacy	4,610.63
Fabrizio, Ann	33,282.00
Frechette, Ethan	100.00
Fuller, Marilyn	170.02
Green, Charlie	30.02
Hamel, Jacqueline	9,963.88
Harden, Joy	10.00
Harrington, Benjamin	250.00
Houde, Betty	26,385.00
Kimball, Shauna	465.67
Lang, Bryan	100.00
Lapierre, Kim	11,728.40
Leidberg Wilma	2,349.10
Lindemann Jr., Harry	510.90
Lippard, Ronald	266.68
Loud, Ann	1,147.50
Michenfelder, Barbara	580.92
Pihl, Kristen	22,400.00
Poirier, Paula	5,000.00
Rives, Kathleen	476.73
Ross, Cynthia	1,530.00
Ross, David	42,436.00
Roy, Louise	24,272.00
Roy, Rebecca	10,644.72
Smith, Ken	50.00
Stahlecker, Kerry	745.98
Timmons, Sharon	25,590.84
Tumosa, Judy	100.00
Van Norden, Joanne	64.06
Weymouth, Sara	350.00
Youngman, Jody	<u>3,414.00</u>
TOTAL	323,529.08

TOWN HOURS

TOWN CLERK'S & TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE 747-2454

Monday	8:00 AM	-	12:00 NOON
	1:00 PM	-	4:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM	-	12:00 NOON
	1:00 PM	-	4:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM	-	12:00 NOON
	1:00 PM	-	4:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM	-	12:00 NOON
	1:00 PM	-	4:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM	-	12:00 NOON

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE HOURS 747-2454

Monday	8:30 AM	-	12:00 NOON
	12:30 PM	-	4:30 PM
	7:00 PM		
Tuesday	8:30 AM	-	12:00 NOON
	12:30 PM	-	4:30 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM	-	12:00 NOON
	12:30 PM	-	4:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM	-	12:00 NOON
	12:30 PM	-	4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM	-	12:00 NOON

SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

Every Monday 7:00 PM

